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## SPOOKY SIGNS OF



**THE SYMBOLS OF THE HOLIDAY ARE ALL AROUND.** The wicked witch of Shaker Heights lurks around the school (left). The jack-o-lantern shines bright in the crisp air of the Halloween season (bottom right). Where's the chief? Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh's office has been taken over by a mysterious visitor (top right).

*Shakerite photos by Grace Fuller*

## HALLOWEEN



### **NO PLANS FOR TONIGHT?**

Check out all of the creepy haunted houses, sure to make your hair stand on end!

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### **GET THE INSIDE STORY**

Find out about all of the facts, traditions and superstitions of Halloween.

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Congratulations to '97 graduates Shelli Calland and Matthew Youngner. These students were designated Advanced Placement State Scholars. Only one female and one male in each state is picked for this honor. They received grades of 3 or



higher on the greatest number of AP Exams on full-year courses while maintaining a GPA of at least 3.5. The minimum number of AP Exams taken is 3. Calland took 14 exams and scored all 5's. Youngner took 12 and scored mostly 5's.

## State graduation requirements raised: new 10th grade proficiencies, more credits needed

BY TOBY BULLOFF  
News Editor

Two new congressional bills passed this summer are raising high school graduation requirements for the class of '02. A major change within the system will be the replacement of 9th grade proficiency tests with 10th grade tests.

Senate Sub-Bill 55, the "Student Performance Accountability" Bill, will raise the credits needed to graduate from 18 to 21 for the class of '02. This will add at least 360 hours of instruction. Shaker currently requires 20 credits to graduate.

The state presently mandates 18 credits to graduate: 3 years of English, 2 years of math, 1 year of science, 2 years of social studies, 1.25 years of physical education, .5 years of health and 8.25 electives. At this time, Shaker requires 20 credits: 4 English, 3 math, 2 science, 3 social studies, 1.25 physical education, .5 health, 1 fine/applied arts and 5.25 electives.

Starting with the class of '02, the additional three credits needed to graduate are: 1 English, 1 math, 1 science (will be increased to 2 credits after '03), 1 social studies, 1 business/tech/fine arts/language and the same-electives (to be reduced to 7 after '03).

Since Shaker has always prided itself in being above the minimum standards set by the state, it is no wonder that graduation requirements will also be raised here. Although formal standards have not been set for the coming years, a study done by Dale Whittington at John Carroll University shows most Shaker students already earn enough credits to satisfy higher state requirements.

Whittington's study shows that the average amount of English credits earned is .18 credit higher than the new state average. The average for social studies is .73 higher. The science mean is 1.52 credits more than necessary.

"We expect more of our students. The state requirements are just now raising up to our standards," chair of curriculum William Newby said.

Graduation from Shaker is also pending passage of

9th grade proficiency tests. New 10th grade tests will replace 9th grade tests for the class of '05. By July 1, '99, previous years' proficiencies will be made available to students.

Newby expects three main results from these new tests: one is the school dedicating more time to testing because everyone will take 10th grade tests. At this time, many students pass 8th grade tests and are exempted from 9th testing.

12th grade tests will have higher stakes. Currently, Shaker rewards an honors diploma to students who pass the 12th proficiency with high marks. For the class of '00, \$500 will be given to any student who passes the test and enrolls in an Ohio public or private college.

A downside to the new tests is that students who fail once will only have four chances from the beginning of junior year to the end of senior year to pass. Now students have eight chances to pass.

Newby said he is worried about failure in the 10th grade tests.

"My suspicion is that we will see the same thing as before," Newby said.

House Bill 215, a budget bill, has made new provisions for attaining high school credit. Currently, advanced work taken prior to 9th grade is not counted toward high school credit. Bill 215 reverses this policy.

Starting July 1, '98, 9th and 10th graders may participate in Post-Secondary Enrollment Options, according to the bill.

By July 1, '98, a minimum GPA will be set for students in 7th-12th grades for interscholastic extracurricular activities. An "F" in any class will result in loss of privileges for these activities.

School district standards will also be raised by adopting a "zero tolerance" attitude toward misbehavior.

Shaker Heights will be expected to maintain less than a 3 percent drop out rate and at least a 93 percent attendance rate. 75 percent of all 9th graders will be expected to pass their proficiencies; 85 percent of 10 graders must pass theirs; 60 percent must pass 12th grade proficiencies.

### Making the grade

- **Class of '02 can look forward to at least 360 more hours of instruction.**
- **Ohio is raising English, math, science & social studies requirements for class of '02.**
- **D.E. and health remain the same.**
- **Class of '05 will take all 10th grade proficiencies; preceding classes take both 9th and 10th tests.**
- **\$500 scholarship awarded for passing 12th proficiencies & attending Ohio public or private college.**
- **Minimum GPA to be established for extracurricular activity participation.**

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Ten Alumni inducted into Hall of Fame

Ten distinguished graduates were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Oct. 12. They are: **Robert Chamberlin, M.D., M.P.H. '47**, a pediatrician and educator; **Morton Glickman, M.D. '55**, a radiologist, clinical scientist and associate dean at the Yale University School of Medicine; **Eric Johnson '72**, co-founder of GERIC, a home health care agency recognized for its commitment to social responsibility; **Robert Post, M.D. '41**, a pioneer in kidney dialysis and organ transplants; **Joseph W. Rock, Ph.D. '70**, a clinical psychologist and former director of the Shaker Heights Youth Center; **Michael Scharf, J.D. '81**, an expert in international and human rights law, now

a faculty member at the New England College of Law; **John P. Sedlak '43**, a legendary Cleveland entrepreneur and philanthropist; **Charles Smith '38**, an engineer, labor relations authority and Chairman of the Board of SIFCO Industries; **Bennett Tramer '65**, an award-winning comedy writer and co-executive producer of the television comedy series "Saved By the Bell," inspired in part by his student days at Shaker; and **Ann Womer Benjamin, J.D. '71**, a Cleveland attorney and member of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 75th district in Portage County.

—Toby Bulloff



Shakerite art by Dan Moody

#### Student identification cards issued

BY ZACH WEIL  
Staff Reporter



Shaker's newest technological venture has left some students with an identity crisis.

Long-anticipated, student identification cards were distributed in homeroom, accompanied by an announcement from Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh. The announcement detailed guidelines for ID uses, including the expectation that students will carry the IDs at all times.

A few weeks after distribution, some students are skeptical about the need for portable identification.

"The card is useless; I haven't used it yet," senior Greg Ferrari said.

Some students do not see the advantages of cards, but the administration

involved with the project see it as a good opportunity for Shaker.

"We see this as a project that we want to explore into the future and build upon to benefit the school and give students the benefit of this technology," director of curriculum, Jim Paces said.

The cards have many uses over the whole spectrum of high school life. They will be used primarily to identify students at dances. Library books will be checked out with these IDs. A future goal would also be a moniless cafeteria where a bill is kept on the cards. Seniors use their ID cards for admission to the Social Room.

"We're going into an automated age. Identifying yourself to teachers and security is important," security head Mike Klima said.

"There are no penalties if you don't have your card; a temporary one will be issued to you," he added.

The library is currently barcoding its books in order that they can be used with this new system. They hope to be done with this by the end of the year.

"The convenience of this system is amazing," head librarian Kelly Jons said.

"It will calculate fines, generate lists of overdue books and eliminate the possibility for human error in the everyday activity of the library," Jons said.

Cards will eventually be issued to every student in Shaker but for now only high school students have received them.

"I personally see this project as one without boundaries," Paces said.

"We are going to continually come up with new uses for these cards," he said.

—Adam Lazarus contributed to this article



# Shaker residents campaign for school board, city council



**Steve Kaufman**

On slate with Lockhart & McMickle  
Education: Colgate '73, CWRU,  
study at Brookings Institute.

**Occupation:** Co-CEO of Kaufman & Cumberland Co. **Children:** Sara '97, Leah '02. **Ideas:** "I grew up in a time where you got involved in your community because if you did not, it was not a community you would want to live in."

He hopes that Shaker graduates leave with skills, knowledge, succeed in higher education, work and community activities.

He also wants students to continue learning and thinking critically. He takes a stance on fiscal accountability for the district. He wants a school funding plan.

## ELECTIONS '97: SCHOOL BOARD & CITY COUNCIL

BY TOBY BULLOFF, LINDSAY CAMPBELL, BETH DOLINSKY, MEGAN KORTMEYER & SHAILA SHAH

News Editor, Opinion Editor & Staff Reporters

Shakerite photos by Grace Fuller

*Three school board seats are up for election this year. It is a four-year position. The current members are: Rev. Martin McMickle (President), Nancy Moore (Vice President), Anthony Lockhart, Freda Levenson and Judith Stenta. Stenta is stepping down after eight years. McMickle and Lockhart are running for re-election.*

## What students are talking about:

- "I emulate my father because he is trying to take on a leadership role in the community, and I have already followed in his footsteps and hope to continue in the path he has set for me."  
—junior Landon Lockhart

- "I am proud of my dad. He is a great orator. I hope one day I can have the same respect in the community that he has."  
—senior Aaron McMickle

- "I get teased about the lawn signs, but that is about it. I am kind of just watching."  
—junior Kira Ribar

- "My mom is not home a lot because she is always talking to people. I think it is cool to see my name around Shaker."  
—sophomore Tory Ribar

- "My dad has been on council since 1984. The last time he ran, he said it was the last time."  
—sophomore Allie Kovach

*Three city council seats are up for election this year. It is a four-year position. The current members are: Judith Rawson (Vice Mayor), Jan Devereaux, Stephanie Turner, David Weiss, Alan Foster, Margaret Jorgenson and Kenneth Kovach. Foster, Jorgenson and Kovach are running for re-election.*

**Debrah L. Herman**

**Education:** SHHS '58, Tri-C '75. Degree in business/industrial management. **Child:** Seth. **Occupation:** Investment entrepreneur, business consultant, freelance writer. **Background:** Mercer Community association president, self-employed businesswoman. **Platform:** Family service, safety, barrier-free access to facilities.

When asked what she would do to improve opportunities for children, she said: "I would like Shaker to sponsor a county-wide Special Olympics." She is also involved in CITY-TO-CITY, a sister-city program with Volzhsky, Russia.



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**Margaret Jorgensen**

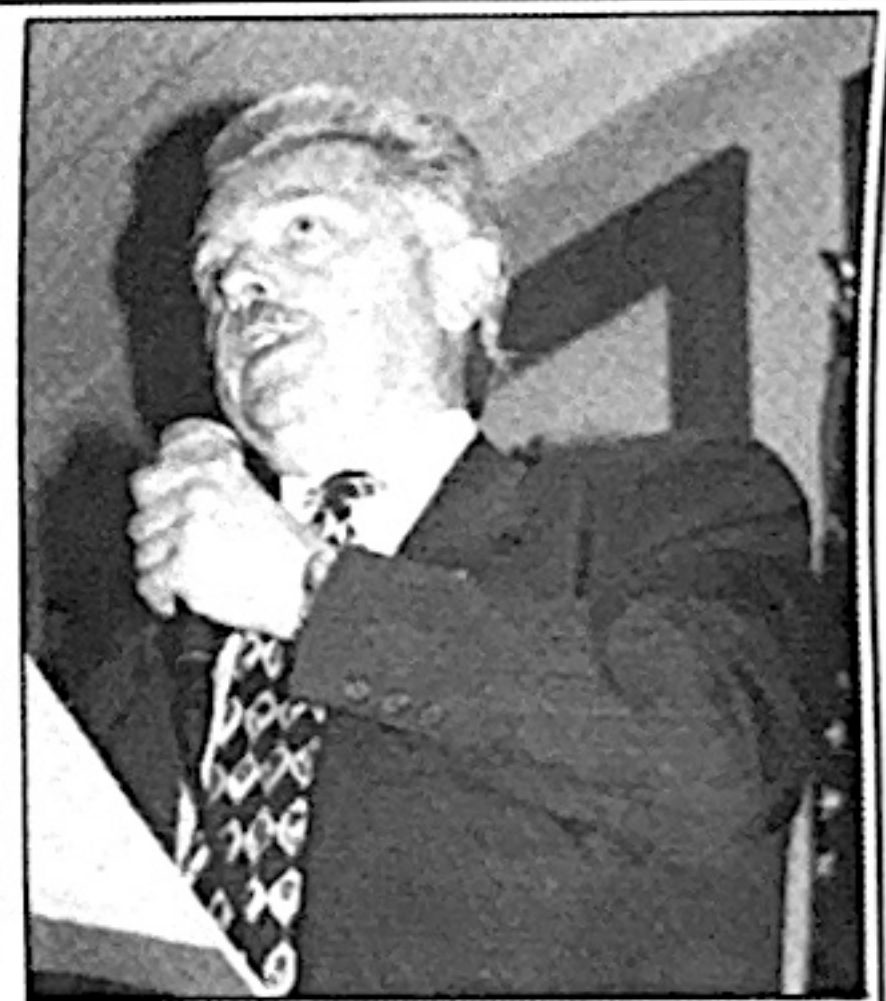
**Education:** B.A. Duke '68, M.A. JCU, J.D. CWRU. **Children:** Andrew '89. **Occupation:** Attorney, regional director of Habitat for

Humanity International. **Background:** Four years on council, 27 years residence in Shaker. Past president of League Of Women's voters and Ludlow Community Organization, co-president of Ludlow PTA. Elder at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. **Platform:** Maintain the high standards of housing and youth services. She wants to strengthen ties with the library and school boards.

When asked what she would do to improve opportunities for children, she said: "Affordable recreation for teenagers is needed."

**Kenneth Kovach**

**Education:** MA CWRU '59 in urban/community sociology. A.B.D. in comparative theology St. Vladimir seminary. **Children:** Julie '96; Allie '00. **Occupation:** Director of education for Marid center for Nonprofit Organizations. Owns private practice, The Kenneth J. Kovach Co. **Background:** 13 years on city council. Vice-mayor '90-'91. **Platform:** A solid fiscal position of the city. Realignment on city services and a comprehensive visionary process.



When asked how he would improve opportunities for children, he said: "Through council's Youth Initiatives Task Group, launch several teen-directed projects," Kovach said.



**Rev. Marvin McMickle**

Running on slate with Kaufman and Lockhart  
**Occupation:** Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland

**Children:** Aaron '98. **Ideas:** McMickle's main goal is for people to get involved.

"Everybody has an obligation to find their own way to make a contribution to their community," he said.

He has served on the board for the past four years. He has been the president for the last two years.

He has continued his education and will defend his doctorate dissertation at CWRU in one month. This will be his second doctorate.

He is also vice-president of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland.

**Carol Ribar**

**Education:** SHHS '71, Indiana U. '74, KSU M.A. '84. Continuing education classes at Cleveland College of Jewish Studies since '87.

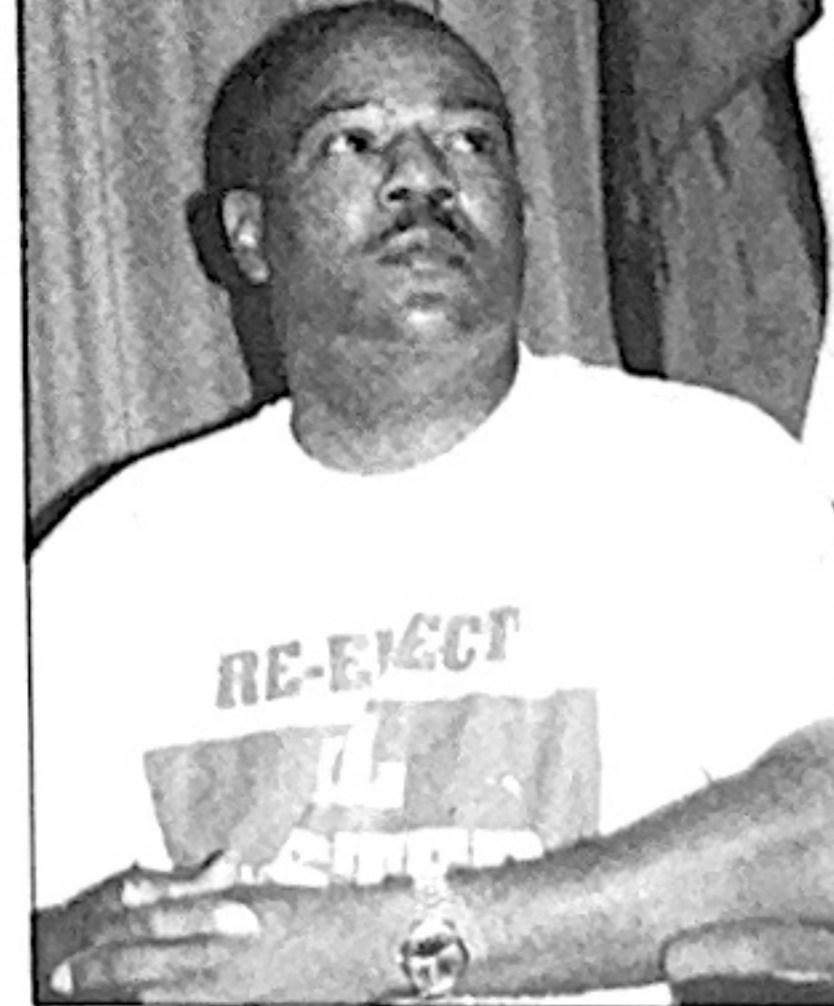
**Occupation:** Teacher, tutor, on board of Hebrew schools. **Children:** Travis '95; Kyle '97; Kira '99; Tory '00; Tristan '02. **Ideas:** Ribar's main thought in running is to create a choice between the three-person slate and someone else for the three seats up for election.

"The idea of choice is imperative," she said.



"Shaker needs a strategic plan with a goal of improving achievement."

Ribar expects school board to become more visible and accessible. She hopes board members will visit schools frequently.



**Allan David Foster, Sr.**

**Education:** Max S. Hayes vocational school '67, Tri-C for two years. **Children:** Al '97. **Occupation:**

Automotive technician with East Ohio Gas; executive vice-president Gas Workers Union Local 555. **Background:** Two years on council. Former president of Moreland association. Was in Marines for 24 years. **Platform:** Housing, recreation, crime, persistence. He also wants to increase economic development.

When asked how he would improve opportunities for children, he said: "We as adults must find something constructive for Shaker youth, or they'll find something destructive to do."



# 40 years of school desegregation commemorated: Little Rock's Central High marks showdown between students, troops

BY NAJAH FARLEY  
Co-Centerpiece Editor

September '97 was the 40th anniversary of the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In '54, a Supreme Court ruling declared the segregationist educational philosophy of separate but equal unconstitutional and launched the controversy concerning integration throughout America.

In '57 the NAACP attempted to act on the Supreme Court's ruling and integrate Little Rock's Central High School. They chose nine students to test the waters. The students' entrance into the school was turned into a standoff between federal troops, sent by President Dwight Eisenhower to protect the students, and the national guard, sent by Arkansas governor Orval Fabus, to bar the students' entrance.

The event became known as the "Crisis of '57."

The Little Rock Nine became the first African-American students to integrate a southern school. They became famous throughout the U.S. for their perseverance through the years at Central.

The 40th anniversary celebration



**EARLY INTEGRATION AT SHAKER.** Anne Hunter is the only African-American student on P.A. Staff in '50.

Courtesy of Gristmill

began in early September with a media symposium on coverage of the events of '57. The city of Little Rock also opened up a museum focusing on the "Crisis of '57." The celebration also touched on many different aspects of the incident.

Notably, white students from Central High School apologized in person for their treatment of the African American

students, and President Clinton gave a speech about race relations.

The celebration was viewed from different perspectives. Many students said the anniversary was relevant to education today.

"I think we should have had something to commemorate it at least in history class because most people did not know

about it," junior Dawn Johnson said.

"I don't like how they celebrated it like we're all perfect," sophomore Stephanie Heaney said.

The NAACP did not support the celebration.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, the spokesperson for the NAACP said he didn't see much to celebrate because little progress had been made during the past 40 years.

Clinton agreed with the spokesperson and said even though students go to the same school, their lives are still separate.

Sophomore Delven Harris agreed.

"I don't think much progress has been made because there is still segregation in this school today. It started to change back then, and it has been slowly progressing up to now," Harris said.

On the other hand, some students said much progress had been made.

"It is a source of pride to know it has been 40 years and we have gotten so much better," Heaney said.

Johnson believes that racial tensions are much less serious than in '57.

"From '57, when I think about it, we have come a long way to today with people living together and working together without problems," Johnson said.

## Shaker reacts to local racial issues from '57 to '97



**ANNE HUNTER IS INVOLVED.** She is seen here as secretary of the French Club in '50.

Courtesy of Gristmill

Shaker was also going through many changes during the late '50s.

**'57** "Shaker Heights was sensitive to the problems of that time because they brought in Zelma George (a founder of Cleveland's job corp) to speak to the high school students even though at that time there were not many African-American students in the school," said a Shaker graduate who attended the high school during that era.

Ludlow Community Association is formed to encourage white home buyers to move into the Ludlow area and help African-American families move into other neighborhoods in Shaker. They worked on integrating Shaker evenly.

**'62-3** Moreland, Lomond Associations are formed to prevent "white flight" from neighborhoods.

**'67** Shaker Housing office begins providing services to blacks seeking homes in predominantly white areas.

**'70** Board of Education adopts the Shaker Schools Plan which allows any pupil to transfer to any other school if the transfer will improve the racial balance of the school.

**'83** Student Group on Race Relations started at high school.

**'86** Shaker officially establishes Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights to provide loans for prospective buyers who make pro-integrative choices.

**'87** City redistricting promotes integration.

**'90** Minority Achievement Committee formed at high school.

**'97** Female Minority Achievement Committee formed at high school.

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# OPINION

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## Attention! Attention!

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-The Editors

## THE RITE IDEA

### Shaker School Board

- ✓ Kaufman
- ✓ Lockhart
- ✓ McMickle

With issues such as finance and achievement facing our district, the school board candidates we opt to elect in this week must have concrete ideas and experience. Reverend Marvin McMickle, Anthony Lockhart and Steve Kaufman would complement the already productive team of Freda Levenson and Vice President Nancy Moore.

These candidates bring experience in the management and budgeting of millions of dollars, the kind of experience that will keep our district from the "Robinhood effect"—funds being taken from the wealthier systems and given them to those with less capital. Legislation has been passed in Columbus in recent months that might enable this to happen; these candidates know that they must protect us by being effective and aggressive advocates for the Shaker schools.

McMickle, running for his second four-year term, has served as President of the board for the past four years. He sees the achievement issue in our system not as one of race, but rather of facts. According to McMickle intervention is the key to success for our students. There is a noticeable difference between those students exposed to pre-kindergarten education and those who are not. He advocates early foundations for all students to eliminate this rift.

His specific plans to enhance our learning are focused in the areas of science, math and foreign language. He plans to maintain programs providing state of the art education and keep the curriculum challenging for students at all levels of the academic spectrum. He wants students to leave Shaker prepared for vocational training or college work. He would like to increase the number of languages offered and to implement them earlier in students' academic careers, with an ultimate goal of fluency in a foreign language.

McMickle has the level-headed, constructive solutions and experience that combine to make a fine school board member. His specific ideas span many issues facing our community and give a diverse and strong basis for new policy.

Anthony Lockhart is also an incumbent. Lockhart is capable of managing the business of education. He brings 22 years of business and management experience to the board. During this time he has dealt with personnel, budget and planning issues, all of which are a part of the policy created by the school board as well. During his time on the board the four percent per year spending caps have been maintained. He will work hard to stay "close to the issue" of school funding as legislation has been passed to change laws regarding these issues. He, as we agree, does not want to see a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" situation arise in our district.

Another noteworthy one of Lockhart's goal of is to involve the community in the decisions of the board to a greater extent. He sees a strong relationship with the city as important, and knows the most effective way to achieve the common priorities is to have the two groups work in tandem. One of the major attractions of Shaker to newcomers is the quality of the schools. It the groups work together, as Lockhart suggests, this prestige will be upheld along with the value of our homes and the reputation of our community.

Steve Kaufman is a newcomer to the school board ballot and is a quality choice. He has an abundance of financial and legal experience, gained by managing the law firm he co-founded 15 years ago, Kaufman & Cumberland Co. He has experience in Columbus and will fight as a vocal advocate of our needs, particularly in the area of school funding.

He is intouch with the community geographically, having lived in three different parts of Shaker. His belief that uninformed voters are easily frustrated is correct, and he plans to change that by breaking the down the communication barriers in our district.

## CHEERS & JEERS

**Cheers** to people who hand out full size candy bars to trick-or-treaters.

**Jeers** to raisins, nickels and apples with razor blades.

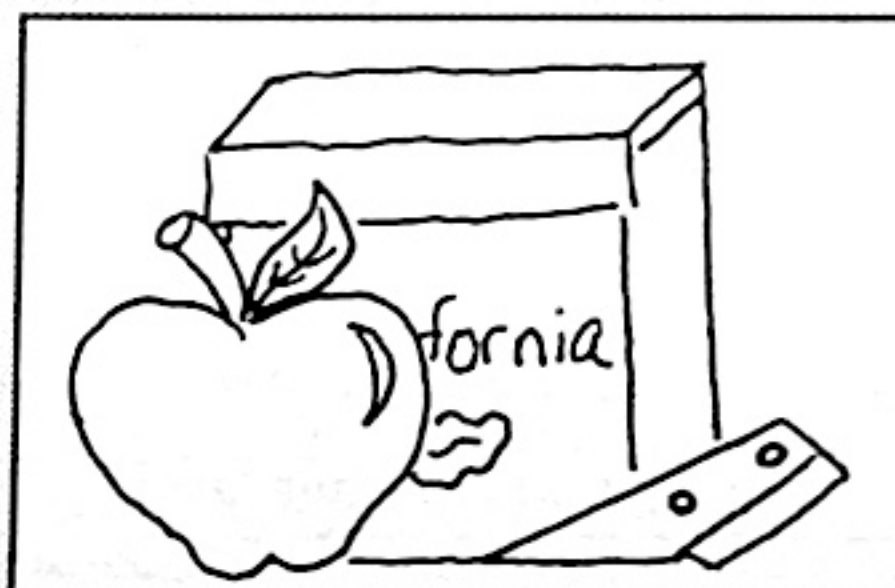
**Cheers** to wearing a costume to school.

**Jeers** to bunny rabbit costumes. They are the root of all evil in society.

**Cheers** to our pennant winning Cleveland Indians.

**Cheers** to partying all night in the Flats celebrating.

**Jeers** to all the fair weather fans who left games early.



**Cheers** to butterscotch. What a unique flavor.

**Jeers** to unicorns. Think about it.

**Cheers** to new Denteyne Ice gum. Man is it a powerful minty blast.

**Jeers** to only one day to sleep in for freshman proficiencies.

**Cheers** to candy corns, they're the best thing about fall.

**Jeers** to \$7 for a movie, do I get any fine jewels with that?

## THE TOP TEN

### Top 10 ways to pass time in class...

10. Listen to the teacher's lecture.
9. Doodle.
8. Pretend you are in a tribal battle.
7. Repeatedly sharpen your pencil.
6. Think about the Indians.
5. Continuously flick the ear of the person in front of you.
4. Pick your nose (Be sure not to eat it.)
3. Play tetris on your calculator.
2. Practice your signature.
1. Hibernate.

...and the number one way to pass time is...

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**"Marijuana is already out of hand, why would you add to that by legalizing it?"**

**—Tiffany Williams, sophomore**

**"True, people will use it regardless of whether it is legalized or not, but having it readily available promotes usage of an unhealthy substance."**

**—Kristan Shenk, senior**

**"It makes no difference, because the people who do it will do it no matter if it's legal or not, so if it's for a medicinal purpose, why not use it?"**

**—Gina Lombardo, freshman**

**"Marijuana lets old people have fun. It would also make it easier to use and therefore create a drug problem."**

**—Sarah Kangas, sophomore**

**"I think it's a better way of treating people than current methods because other drugs such as Prozac are more harmful."**

**—Jessi Knowles, senior**

*Shakerite quotes compiled by Ms. Sekicky's 9th period journalism class*

# SHAKER SPEAKS



Student views on issues that affect their world

California's Proposition 215 allows legalization of prescribed marijuana for medical uses, especially for AIDS patients and people suffering from glaucoma. However, the obvious problem is that marijuana is still federally illegal and a Group II classified drug. This does not even allow the FDA to run experiments on its possible uses in medicine. Currently, there is increased support for legalization, clarification of 215, especially in the clauses which allow home cultivation and possible expansion to other states— including Ohio. The Shakerite asked Shaker students their view on this topic:

***What do you think about medical marijuana? Does it have valid uses that should be investigated? If the law is expanded to more states, how should it be modified regarding self cultivation, distribution and accessibility? How do you feel marijuana compares with other current prescription drugs?***

**"We should employ all possible medical relief available to the sickly and dying."**

**—Greg Rawson, sophomore**

**"People already let you buy it, so there is no point in having it illegal."**

**—Micheline Jackson, sophomore**

**"I'm not convinced that marijuana really has medicinal purposes...on the other hand, they can't prove that it has medicinal purposes until it becomes legal."**

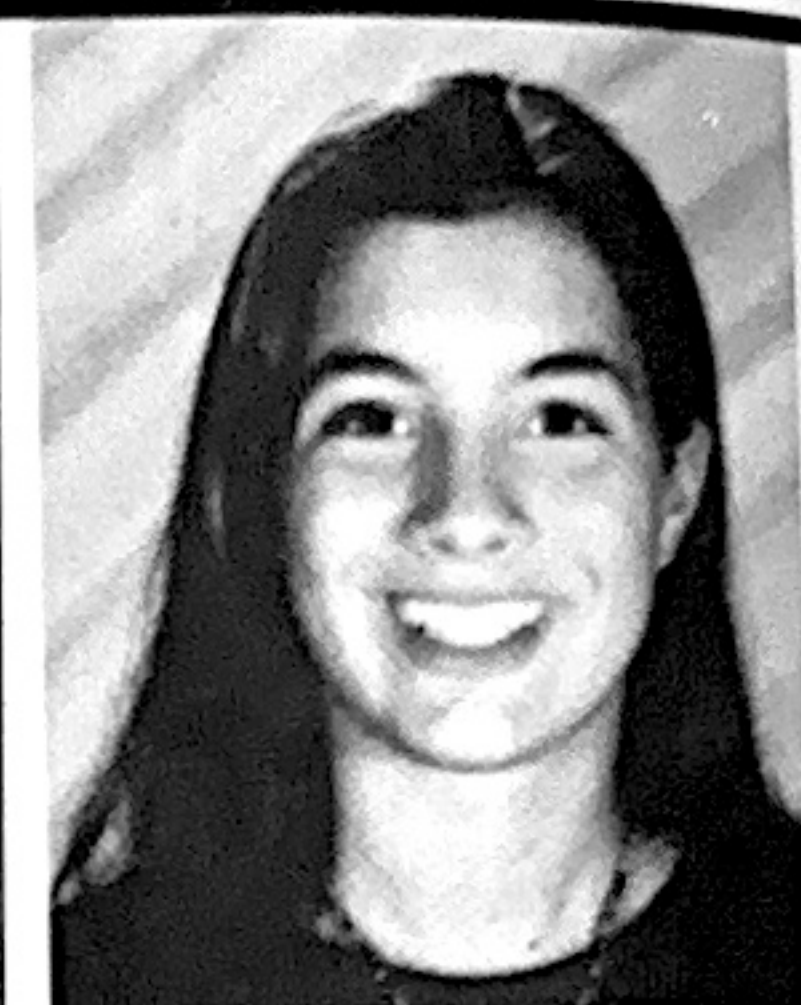
**—Luke Rinderknecht, freshman**

**"Yes [it should be legal] so it can help people live better."**

**—Paris Hite, freshman**

**"There is scientific proof that it can help alleviate pain and give the sick much needed appetite."**

**—Jamie Delman, senior**



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**"If marijuana can help alleviate the pain caused by certain diseases, then it is legitimate....It should be legal for everyone anyways because it should be each person's private decision whether or not they want to use it."**

**—Jenna Carl, senior**

**"I think [marijuana] should be legalized, because just remember what happened with prohibition."**

**—Felipe Amunategui, sophomore**

**"I feel that it should be legal. Although it is an illegal drug, marijuana can make people with medical problems feel more at ease to forget about their pain. In medical cases I feel that it can do more good than bad."**

**—John Martin, sophomore**

**"Most people don't know the actual effects of marijuana. Obviously, since it is legalized in California for medical uses, some doctors agree that it can be a helpful drug. It isn't even a drug, but an herb."**

**—Miriam Skeist, sophomore**

## Americans spend their days spending their dough

**BY ANNA DALEY**  
Staff Reporter

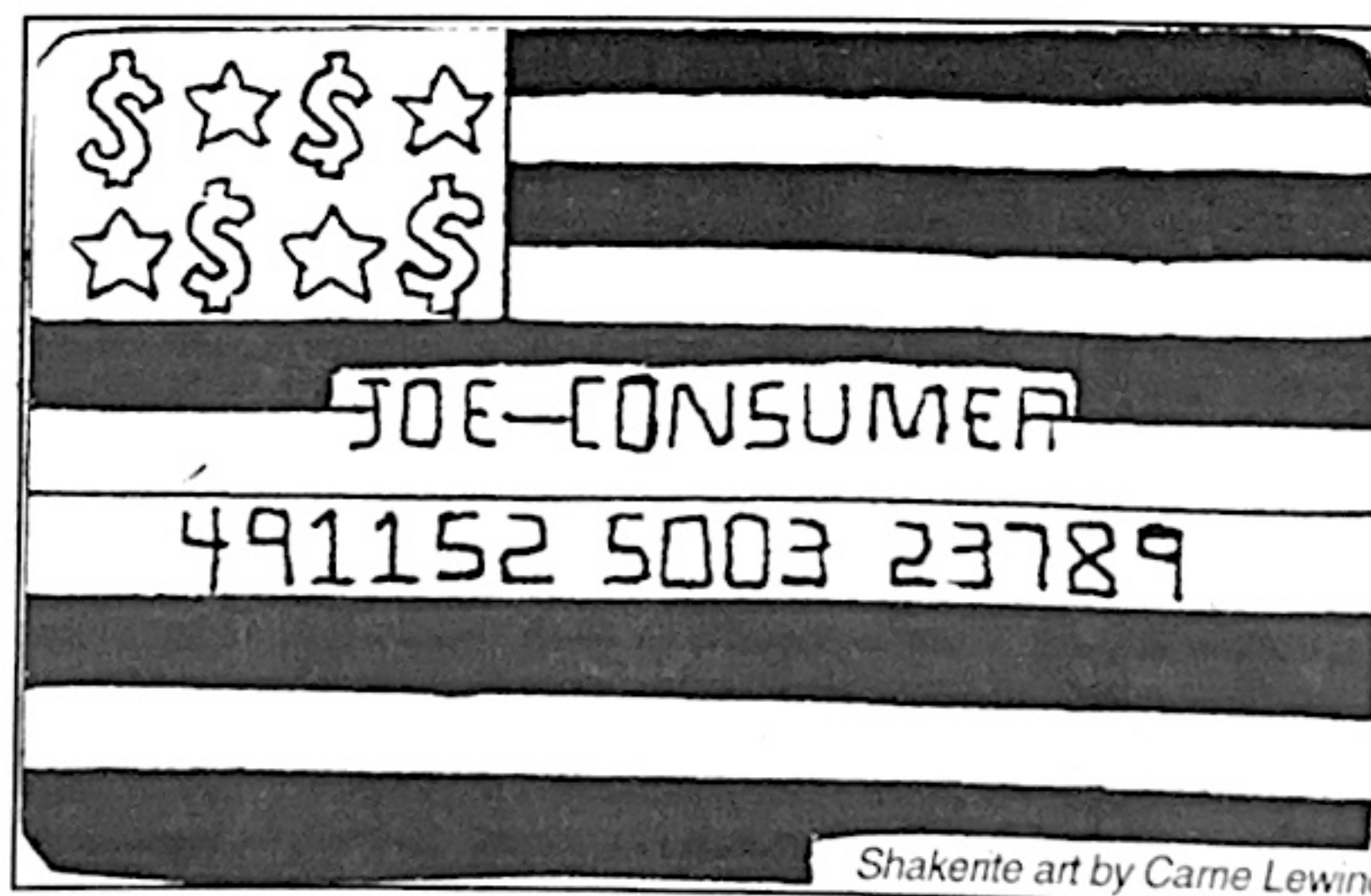
Buy, buy, buy. It's the battle call of the marketplace. New stores and new store locations have grand openings everyday and people flock to them. New products are being created every minute and people are swarming. There seems to be nothing consumers won't buy, nowhere they won't go.

All this frenzied buying is good for the economy but what does it say about our society as a whole? It gives the impression that Americans are materialistic pack rats buying tons upon tons of things they don't need. Sadly this is probably an accurate portrait.

Besides the fact that huge amounts of spending makes our culture too materialistic, it also may come back to get us in the end. When people spend, they tend to charge it. Credit cards have bills, just because you don't pay today doesn't mean you won't pay tomorrow with interest. What happens when you realize too late you can't pay the bill? You go into debt, your credit goes bad, and then you'll have trouble being able to buy anything at all.

American lives seem to be put on hold when a new way to spend our money is introduced to us. Case in point, at Beachwood Place the new Nordstroms location opened up and the students at Beachwood high school planned to descend upon the department store in droves on the day of the grand opening, a school day. The school's administration got wind of the students' plans to skip school to go to the mall and they promised to have no mercy when it

came excuse of absences. The administration made all absences not excused by a doctor's written notice unexcused absences to keep the students in school. That's terrible, students are skipping school simply to go to an overcrowded department store to spend their money.



Shakerite art by Carne Lewine

Education becomes a second priority to shelling out mommy and daddy's hard earned cash.

Why would students behave like that, leave school just to shop? Nordstroms like most other large department stores is guilty of trying to build up the act of shopping into an experience within itself. The addition of more than 50 new stores like Abercrombie and Fitch, J-Crew and Origins only adds insult to injury. Giving someone your money in exchange for a dress or a pair of pants does not enrich your life, it only adds to material possessions.

While Tower City may be a unique hub for Cleveland life, it is necessary to look at it with more of an objective eye. A recent article in Preservation magazine noted the current trend of changing historical landmarks into shopping complexes — as in Manhattan's South Street Seaport and now Tower City. The splendor of the building or area makes consumers believe they are spending time constructively, but they are once again just consuming.

Would Americans go to those historical landmarks if there were no stores there? Only in America does a famous battlefield have a t-shirt saying "I visited the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield." It just doesn't happen any where else. Maybe Americans just can't appreciate art or history unless they can buy a piece of it.

One cannot deny the positive affects of increased demand on our economy, but there is more to America than just the dollar. Bustling malls, like Nordstroms on it's opening day, are the antithesis to oftentimes deserted cultural institutions. The Cleveland Museum of Art has one of the best Asian collections in the world, and yet there are usually five people or less in these galleries at a time.

Buying things is not the key to happiness or well being. There are people who need a support group to help them stop putting themselves in debt with compulsive shopping. Are we losing our souls to the department store? The meaning of life is not to have more clothing than anyone else or to have the latest Nike shoes, those aren't meaningful things. This is not to say that shopping is a terrible thing to do, but everything in moderation.

You know what they say about too much of a good thing.



# LINDSAY'S QUICK FIXES

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL  
Opinion Editor

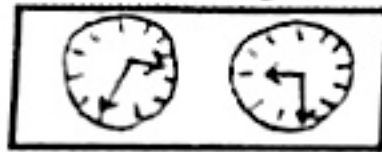
Talks of basement renovation, new computer systems and block scheduling always blow my mind when it comes to improving the school.

Now, there's nothing wrong with major change — in fact, I think it's the best thing for an institution like this, but it's also important to note day to day or smaller-scale changes that would make a world of difference. So, without further ado, I give you my quick fixes:



It's white, paper thin, gentle and keeps rolling like a reliable friend — that's right — toilet paper. My advice to the school administrator/maintenance gods-get some. It's cheap and would certainly improve everyone's mood. Paper that doesn't feel like sandpaper is also a good idea. There is nothing like being stuck in a stall sans-paper calling for someone to pass you a few plys under the door. Gentlemen, I'm not sure about the TP supply in your facilities, but you can imagine that at those times when you do need it, it couldn't be too pleasant if it wasn't there.

On the subject of bathrooms, which I must admit are greatly improved by the chic clear paper towel dispensers, doors might also come in handy. I mean, that speaks for itself, but those two doorless stalls on the second floor are the cleanest ones around. The graffiti on the existing doors provides minutes of excitement. Especially the ones that say "All y'all stupid hoes that write on these doors need to grow up. C/O 98," Ahh, irony.



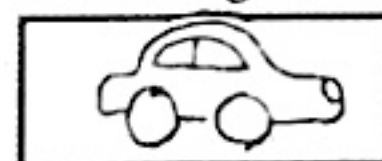
When it is 8:40 to your average Joe, it's 9:25 in room 256, and 8:48 in room 234. Or, it is 8:40, but it's been that way for the last, oh two years. Putting clocks on the same time can't be that hard of a task, or at least getting them to run shouldn't be. How annoying is it to look up and see 2:56 on Friday, but realize it's actually 2:30? Hint: the number to get the official atomic time is (303) 499-7111, or at least it was when my physics book published it four years ago.



I truly appreciate Shaker's artistic talent, and the tasteful murals really enhance our school. They detract from the glaring whiteness and really lighten up the atmosphere. That is, most of them. Then there's a few childish and downright ugly paintings that I cringe at everytime I pass. I realize senior project isn't when most students' minds go to creating the next "Last Supper," but I would expect a bit more planning and effort before they pollute our walls. My solution: get an art committee of students and teachers to review suggested murals. This would prevent any and all pseudo-Picasso from putting his brush to our plaster when his efforts would better be directed to another art.



Back to \$.50 cent vending machines. Boo nickels.



Okay, I admit, it's not really a short-term fix, but I have to get my "five" cents worth on the whole parking thing. I've heard everything from parking garages to senior passes suggested. But I envision a much simpler solution: head in parking at an angle to the curb. This alleviates sophomore stress. I understand, parallel parking is really tough. Also, it could double, or at least increase, the oval capacity. The alternative is, of course, taking away teacher rights to the lots and having an all out teacher-student brawl (with Grossman versus Slaw Dog for the best spot at school).

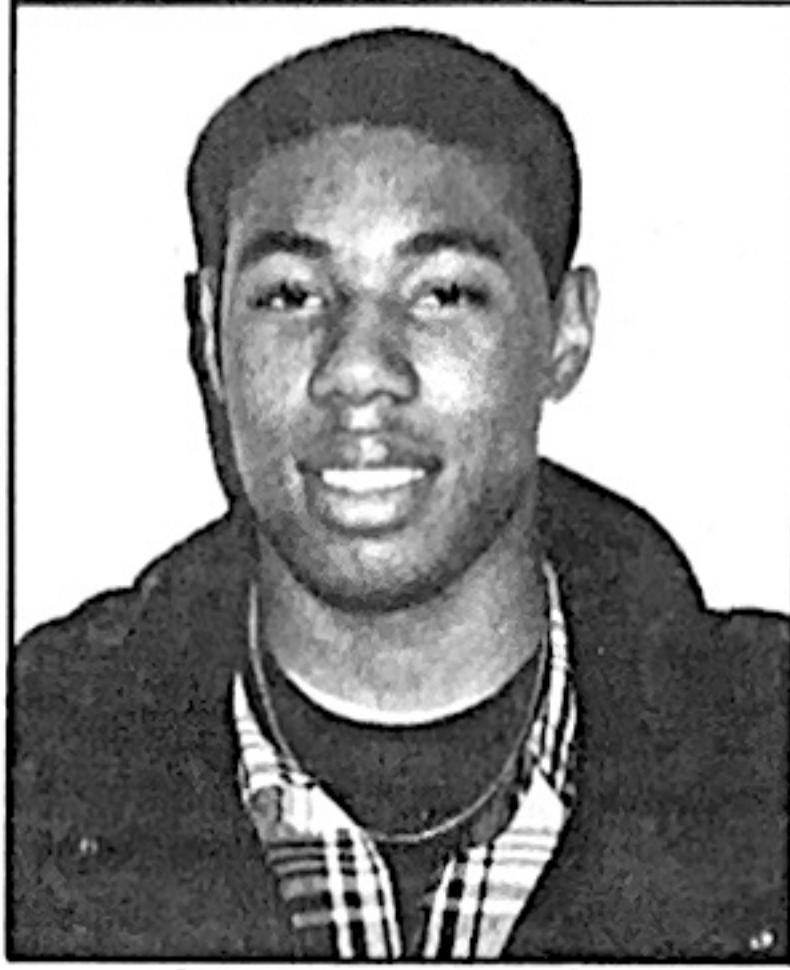


Well our IDs have finally arrived. Can you feel the excitement in the air? Hardly. We seniors do appreciate the "special" senior card, even though it isn't a hall pass anymore, but is it just the fashionable red strip that makes our replacement fee \$10 instead of the underclass \$5? Suspicious. Very suspicious. Those extra dollars must be going where the extra five cents on candy go. Information would be appreciated.

If anyone out there has a quick fix for Shaker, send them in and we'll print the best along with mine.

# Student spills story on SGORR

GUEST RITER



Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

BY LANDON LOCKHART  
Class of '99

We all know SGORR (Student Group on Race Relations). We all are aware of its enormous size and positive image throughout the community. However, for those who aren't involved with SGORR, it is very easy to overlook the intense preparation and effort put into creating a learning and sharing experience for the sixth graders. Week

after week the SGORR members and CORE leaders meet and practice as well as discuss the curriculum for upcoming events. Without a doubt, SGORR are dedicated people, but there is always a handful of individuals who attempt to destroy the privileges of everyone else. SGORR is not immune to situations of this kind.

The faculty of Woodbury who are involved with SGORR were given a survey. The questionnaire surveyed their experience with SGORR and their future expectations. Although the response was predominantly positive, there were some negative comments and changes were made.

Most of the negative comments made were dealing sheerly with the space 75 individuals can take up in such a small building. With SGORR members staying in the building, this was too much added responsibility for the limited room and faculty they have available. Smaller issues like where to put student's coats were also pointed out.

SGORR has had a bond with Woodbury Elementary for fourteen years. This bond was composed of numerous qualities, and most

important among these qualities was trust. Trust is very hard to gain but very easy to lose. Although SGORR has not lost trust completely at Woodbury, it appears to have been eroded through the reduction of privileges at Woodbury.

As of now, the time allowed for SGORR interaction with the sixth graders has been reduced from one full day to one-half day. Precious time has been considerably reduced, but the effect on the young students does not have to follow the same trend.

Change happens when least expected and we must always prepare ourselves for it. SGORR, as a whole, has always been dedicated to race relations and must continue this commitment so that mentors and sixth grade students can get as much as possible out of their experience.

Members of SGORR look at the reduction in time and feel it's unfair; however, the message is clear, SGORR must work to get its act together. SGORR members need to recommit to their mission or join another group. It is unfair for a few people to ruin the trusting relationship that has been in construction for over fourteen years.

# MotoPhoto: portrait of a disaster

BY TOBY BULLOFF  
News Editor

"Say 'transvestite!'" I was shocked and confused after hearing these words. This is the greeting I received when I smiled for my first senior picture. Let's just say I was not excited for my photo session. My thoughts quickly turned back to my stunning passport photo courtesy of MotoPhoto, and I shuddered to think that my only option was to let mom plunk down \$21.35 and head over to Van Aken.

I was a little fidgety during the 30-minute session, and I was relieved once it was over. I came back a few days later to view my proofs and was very upset with the lack of professionalism at MotoPhoto. Out of the four possible yearbook shots, the background ranged from white to turquoise to navy. I had no idea what was the right shade to choose. In three out of the four pictures, my hair was conveniently having a static attack and was flying out of the picture boundaries. My only choice was to pick the picture with the controlled hair. It would have been too difficult, I suppose, for my photographer to casually mention that my hair was standing up on end in the back.

However, I was happy with one of the informal shots, and I humored MotoPhoto's expensive deal to reprint pictures. They assured me that my package would be done in seven to 10 working days, and they'd call me just to be good employees. After 10 days, I hadn't heard anything. After three weeks, still no phone call. I called at the six-week mark and was put on hold for at least five minutes before I hung up in disgust. I asked my friends if they were experiencing similar problems; they all said yes. Finally after two whole months, I showed up at MotoPhoto to retrieve my pictures.

I took one look and gasped. Not only was my face very red, but my hair was positively green! Not the glamour shot I'd envisioned, to say the least. I asked what could be done to change the color tones, and the lady gave me the blindest stare as if to say "you mean this isn't a perfect picture?" I found out at school the next day that my school picture was similarly discolored.

Other seniors looked blue or purple; and of course, the backgrounds were as ununiform as could be. I talked to Gristmill editor-in-chief, Jennie Wallace, about the poor quality of our photographs. She told me that MotoPhoto admitted to using faulty cameras for one whole day of sessions, and they had to retake all the sittings from that day.

The color differences had nothing to do with skin tones, as MotoPhoto had claimed, because we found several pictures of paler students on white backgrounds, and darker students on navy. Wallace ordered them to digitally compensate for the discrepancies in background. I saw a few of the pictures that were digitally fixed, and I immediately noticed the difference. The background looked completely fake, as if the body was cut and pasted in front of some random wall like on a movie bluescreen.

Wallace continued to tell me about her problems with MotoPhoto. At the end of last school year, she discussed switching companies with Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh. What most people don't know is that MotoPhoto has been inconsistent with its 10 percent commission to the Gristmill. Last year it paid late, and this is no chump change, it should be a sizable return for our business. This year Shaker should receive at minimum \$710.96 for the senior portraits. Commission is also collected for packages that are purchased, and I figured that an average student could easily spend an additional \$64 on picture packages, thus giving the Gristmill \$2,132 for that too.

Let's understand what makes our school pictures so absurdly expensive when compared to MK Photo in Mentor that comes to the high school to photograph the band. Their \$7 sitting fee covers the formal shot, and there is an option to buy others. From kindergarten through 11th grade, there has been a definite range in school picture expenses — from the cheapest package under \$10 which most everyone can afford to the mother-of-all packages around \$30. So with these choices around, not to mention other studios that send pamphlets to your house in August, why are we stuck at MotoPhoto?

One student's parents chose to fight the system and have his senior portraits taken at another studio. Even with my untrained eye, I could see the difference in quality. Our pictures looked blurry in comparison to this professional shot. However, his picture cannot be used in the Gristmill because it doesn't follow the guidelines.

Rumbaugh decided to keep the business in Shaker Heights and reasoned that a trip to Van Aken is much easier than one to Mentor if one needs retakes with MK Photo. While I understand this decision, I am not clear why a company can not come to the high school. Other area schools, such as Beachwood High School, are successful with this method.

So to all you juniors and underclassmen out there, either rally to get your choice of studios, or just hope that next time they ask you to say "cheese."





# BEYOND TRICK-OR-TREAT

## Favorite Scary Halloween Movies

## The Halloween Series

## Scream

## The Friday the 13th Series

## The Shining

## The Nightmare on Elm Street Series

## The worship of death

BY JONAH SCHEIN  
Staff Reporter

Halloween has not always been trick-or-treating and harmless pranks.

At one time, this festival was marked by evil spirits, prophecies, sacrifices and death worship.

In the Celtic calendar, Nov. 1 marks the beginning of the year. A festival begins the previous evening, Oct. 31, marking the division between summer and winter. The festival also celebrates the corresponding god of light and Samhain, the god of death.

According to Celtic legend, during the festival Samhain allowed the souls of the dead to roam the Earth. They believed that the souls of those who had died during the past year inhabited animal bodies and were set free to be reincarnated.

Also on the Eve of Samhain, the Druids (Celtic priests) lit large communal bonfires to repel the spirits while honoring the sun god. Animal and human sacrifices were made in these bonfires. Some wore the heads and skins of animals as protection against the roaming spirits.

The Romans continued the theme of the dead by the Roman festival of Feralia during their rule of Great Britain. The festival of Pomona, honoring the Roman goddess of fruit and trees, was also incorporated into Halloween during this era.

Christians would honor the dead on Oct. 31 in a feast known as All Saints Day. The feast was eventually moved to Nov. 2 to separate it from the pagan customs of Samhain.

The custom of trick-or-treating comes from an Irish tradition that involved the rich giving food and drink to the poor on Halloween eve.

Other sources claim that the roots of the custom come from the Celts, who would go house to house asking for donations. If the owner of the house denied them donations, the Celts would physically assault the person. Trick-or-treating as we know it was brought to the United States by Irish immigrants in the late 19th century.

The festival of Samhain was celebrated in parts of Great Britain well into the 18th century before finally giving way to the modern customs of Halloween.

## When we were young

BY LAUREN DICKS  
Staff Reporter

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat! If you don't, I don't care. I'll pull down your underwear."

What ever happened to the class parties, costume contests and the good old chants of Halloween? The answer to that question is simple. As age increases, the fun and true meaning of Halloween decreases.

"I'm too old so it's not fun anymore. I just don't celebrate. Besides if I go out somebody will just say, 'You're not a little kid anymore' and not give me any candy," sophomore Lara Andrews said.

As youngsters we didn't care about being cool or what people thought. We just made a trip out to Kiddie City with our mothers and chose the best costume or mask and prepared for a day full of candy, treats and scary fun.

The fun was mainly created in our elementary school classes. No one can ever forget the fun and excitement we felt when it came time after lunch to change into costumes and gather sweets for the big party the teachers had prepared for us. Then everyone gathered in the gym to show off costumes.

"I remember when I was in third grade at Boulevard and we had a Halloween parade. I dressed up as a princess," junior Beth Cullis said.

"It was so fun because everyone dressed up and we'd all walk through the halls to pick up the other classes. Then, we'd get to see what everyone else had on," she said.

The real fun came at trick-or-treat time when you and your friends ran from door to door yelling, "Trick-or-treat," begging for more candy. After making sure all the houses had been hit, it was time to head home and count the candy.

"When I was little my dad used to take me out trick or treating. I remember one year when I was six my dad dressed up with me to go out. I was so surprised because my dad is pretty conservative," senior Keesa Bazie said.

"My dad and I dressed as gangsters. He was the big boss and I was his little sidekick."

Many of us, on the other hand, do not see the fun from the parents' perspective.

"They go out. They get candy. They eat candy. They get sick. They throw up. We clean it up," Latin teacher Robert White said. "That's what my October 31 is like every year," he said.

Those were the good old days.

## Believe it or not

BY NAJAH FARLEY  
Co-Centerpiece Editor

Halloween is generally considered a holiday throughout Shaker. Student Council gives free candy for the best costumes, and most of the school participates.

However, in the midst of all the candy and costumes of Halloween, some students shun the festivities of the holiday.

"My family does not celebrate Halloween for religious reasons," sophomore Gala Copez-Sanders said.

"We belong to the Faith Fellowship Church. We believe the origins of the holiday are demonic because it started as a Druid holiday in the 1600s called All Hallows Eve. They believed all the dead people came back, and people put candy on the doorsteps and dressed up to scare away the dead spirits."

"The origins of Halloween go against the Bible because the Celts believed the dead were allowed to return home during this time," said junior Devony Jackson, who is a Jehovah's Witness.

"The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9:5, 'The dead are conscious of nothing,'" she said.

To some the holiday's demonic origins overshadow the seemingly harmless festivities of today.

"When I was in the sixth grade, my mother took me out of school for half a day so I didn't participate in the Halloween celebration in school. My church usually has a carnival as an alternative to Halloween," Copez-Sanders said.

"When I was younger I went to the carnival and now that I'm older I work the carnival," she said.

"My mom used to take me to the store and just buy me a whole bunch of candy so I didn't feel left out of anything," Jackson said.

## Superstitions what do you believe?

Shakerite Survey of 121 students



50%  
Believe in superstitions



18%  
Believe opening umbrellas inside is bad luck



21%  
Believe Friday the 13th is bad luck



22%  
Hold their breath when passing a cemetery



21%  
Believe four-leaf clovers are good luck

Shakerite Graphics by Emily Hoffman



- Top Ten Rejected Crayola Colors**
10. BRUISE PURPLE
  9. BUS Station Brown
  8. EXXON Spill Gray
  7. Sheeky Green
  6. SCORCHED FLESH
  5. Off Whitey
  4. You're Just Plain Yellow
  3. Ochre Winfrey
  2. Jaundice
  1. Cholesterol Beige
- Shakerite Source: David Letterman

## Battle of the sexes

### Nate and Stephanie mock soaps and WWF

BY NATE LEVIN  
Staff Reporter

Jane loves Bobby, but Jane doesn't know that Bobby is responsible for Cain's death. Cain, who was the illegitimate son of Sara and Bobby's step-father, Will, was involved with Kim, who is Bobby's long lost sister. What will Jane do and who is playing that corny elevator music in the background? Find out tomorrow on the next "Academy Clinic."

The story line of "Academy Clinic" is not too farfetched from the typical daytime dramas that hog the airways of network channels all over the country.

Every afternoon, bored housewives and socially challenged teenage girls watch the smut that we refer to as soap operas. In researching this article I was forced to join them. This is a hard task so I have devised a few rules for watching a soap. These rules make up what I like to refer to as "The Guy's Guide To Getting Through A Soap Without Killing Yourself."

The first rule is a simple one: do not even attempt to figure out what has happened previously in the soap you are watching. Guess what? It isn't going to happen! The minute you feel like you've discovered why Carrie hates Hope, the storyline has already been transformed, and now it is Hope who hates Carrie.

Rule number two: never try to figure out dream sequences. Talk about confusing. This is obviously the part of the show where the main goal is to confuse any and every male watching. Why is it always that the dreamer, who is usually a woman, is still in her pajamas, and that the male must always be dressed in a tuxedo with candles and champagne in his hands? They make no sense and are getting a little repetitive.

The last rule for future male viewers is to ignore the sappy soap opera music that's played at awkward times. Maybe it's just a guy thing, but I can't help but wonder about the ridiculous music. Who plays it? Where is it coming from? And who needs it?

So until next time, remember, "Like sand through the hour glass...these are the worst shows of our lives."

BY STEPHANIE WEEKS  
Staff Reporter

I was completing my daily recommended allowance of channel surfing, when I happened to stumble upon a most entertaining program involving large men in spandex. Beyond the ring featuring these WWF "wrestlers," I saw a crowd of prepubescent boys and hairy men in tight, white tank tops with rattails cheering on their favorite opponent.

Excuse me, but do people actually enjoy this? Okay, seeing Brad Pitt in spandex I could handle, but nobody wants to see some big old sweaty men romping around half-naked.

What is the world coming to? Are these completely unreal and barbaric actions really entertaining? If the WWF actually could hold my attention for longer than two minutes then it would be a totally different story.

Heck, I'd pay money to see some real action, but these guys get paid big dollars to do real bad acting. Hand me a couple Big Macs and spandex and I'm there.

And where did we pick up these oh-so-imaginative names? I couldn't wait to see if Grave Digger could take on The Undertaker. Real creative, boys. Personally, I was quite taken by Wonderboy.

His speed combined with his agility and flexibility proved him to be a true WWF champion.

What is the true origin of this highly acclaimed athletic competition? Have we not just stolen the ancient art of Sumo wrestling and insulted the revered Sumo wrestler himself by imitating his traditional garb with these scandalous outfits composed of neon Speedos and obnoxious capes? This is a travesty. This could cause severe distortion of reality in the fertile minds of the young male viewers, who might emulate this pathetic display. Children could actually begin to believe that this is an appropriate way to dress!

I've seen enough. Sorry fellas, but watching WWF was the biggest waste of my time. Man, I could have been watching Jerry Springer. Because at least Jerry keeps it real.



**FIGHT!** Sophomore Nate Levin and junior Stephanie Weeks ridicule soap operas and WWF.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

## What's? Goin' On?

- **Ben Folds Five**  
-Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Oct. 31
- **Echo and The Bunnymen**  
-The Odeon, Oct. 31
- **George Clinton & The P-Funk All-Stars**  
-The Palace Theatre, Oct. 31
- **Gwar**  
-The Agora Theatre, Oct. 31
- **k.d. lang**  
-E.J. Thomas Hall, Oct. 31
- **Mushroomhead with Runt**  
-Peabody's DownUnder, Nov. 1
- **Ekoostik Hookah**  
-The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Nov. 2 at 4 p.m.
- **The Nields**  
-The Grog Shop, Nov. 2
- **Blues Traveler**  
-Akron Civic Theatre, Nov. 3
- **Jars of Clay**  
-Akron Civic Theatre, Nov. 6
- **Over Kill**  
-The Agora Theatre, Nov. 7
- **Pansy Division**  
-The Grog Shop, Nov. 8
- **Fiona Apple**  
-Lakewood Civic Theatre, Nov. 12
- **Misfits**  
-The Agora Theatre, Nov. 14
- **Puff Daddy and the Family**  
-Music Hall, Nov. 15
- **The Saw Doctors**  
-Peabody's DownUnder, Nov. 16
- **Juliana Hatfield**  
-Peabody's DownUnder, Nov. 17
- **Lords of Acid**  
-The Odeon, Nov. 21
- **Green Day**  
-The Agora Theatre, Nov. 22
- **Eddie Money**  
-The Odeon, Nov. 23
- **Fleetwood Mac**  
-Gund Arena, Nov. 24
- **Ticket information is available from Ticketmaster at 241-5555**

## "Evolution" moves In and Out

BY CAROLE MCELDRATH  
Staff Reporter

"Evolution means change," said Boyz II Men member, Michael McCary.

It is no wonder that the title of Boyz II Men's new release, "Evolution," delineates exactly what the group has done.

The four harmonizing men have left behind their mix of love and hip hop songs which appeared in their debut album, "Motownphilly." Instead, Boyz II Men are now focusing on love ballads.

Their first single, "Four Seasons of Loneliness" is the story of a man trying to get over a lost love. He reminisces over what the couple did together during each season of the year.

Other tear jerkers are "Never" and "Can You Stand the Rain," which perfectly express those heartfelt feelings that are often hard to find words for.

As one of the group's more emotional tracks, "A Song For Mama" is a tribute to

the group's mothers. In this song, the guys express their appreciation for these important women in their lives.

The song "Girl in the Life Magazine" is somewhat out of place compared to the usual real life songs that Boyz II Men are known for writing. Nevertheless, the song's melody is entrancing and pulls the listener even deeper into the harmonious music.

On the saucier side, Boyz II Men have incorporated three songs into their

BY ADAM MARKS  
Staff Reporter

The amusing comedy *In and Out* is the story of Howard Brackett (Kevin Klein) who plays a high school English literature teacher, engaged to his fiancée, Emily Montgomery (Joan Cusack).

Three days before the wedding, one of Howard's former students, Cameron Drake (Matt Dillon) appears on TV to accept an Academy Award for playing a gay soldier

Howard starts to ponder this question after he is confronted by reporter Peter Malloy (Tom Selleck), who is convinced Howard is lying and is determined to find the truth. He tells Howard that he himself is gay, even though it took him a while to realize it.

Howard spends the rest of the movie in anguish trying to decide for himself if he is really gay.

Howard has many stereotypical quirks that make most of his friends think he is gay. He has an infatuation with Barbara Streisand songs, poetry, Broadway show tunes, disco and neatness.

The movie is blessed with an amazing supporting cast and incredible cameo appearances by Whoopi Goldberg, Jay Leno and Glenn Close.

Overall, *In and Out* is a good movie that's fun to watch. It raises many issues about homosexuality but in a lighthearted way that people of all ages can enjoy.

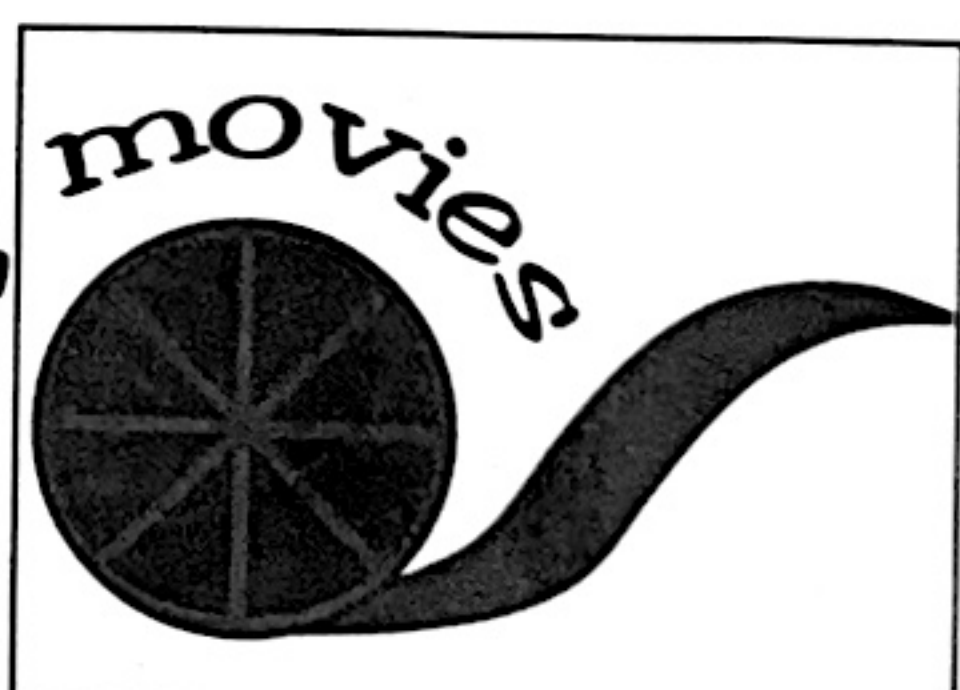


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album to illustrate how they have evolved into worldly men.

These selected songs feature the production and songwriting of Sean "Puffy" Combs, Missy Elliot, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, Babyface and Sting.

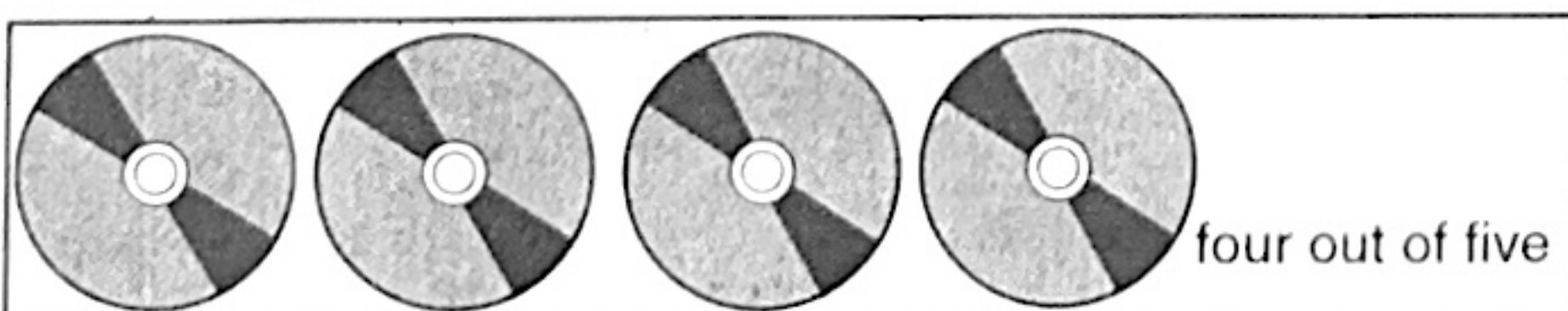
Regardless of your music tastes, "Evolution" is definitely a CD to add to your collection.



in a movie.

In his acceptance speech, Drake thanks Howard for his support in high school and then announces on national television that Howard is gay.

Howard and Emily see this on TV and are stunned. To make matters worse, hordes of TV reporters flood into Howard's town to ask the question: Is he really gay?



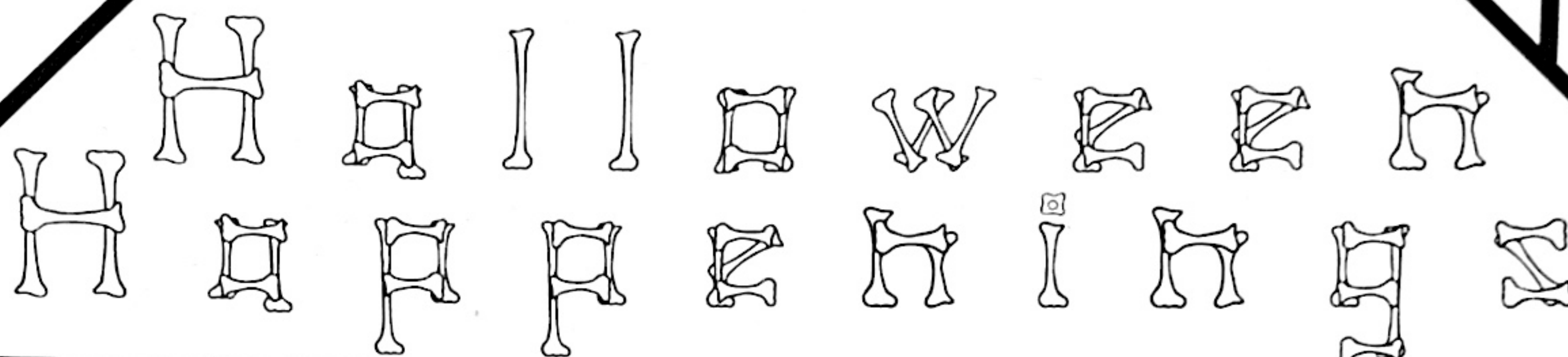
four out of five



three out of four



BY AMY COHEN  
A&E Editor



### Nightmare in Brunswick Hills

**FEATURES:** More than 30 minutes of non-stop horror.  
**WHERE:** 336 Pearl Road in Brunswick  
**WHEN:** Open Friday through Saturday until Nov. 1  
**TIME:** Sun. 7:30-10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. 7:30-midnight  
**COST:** \$7 per person  
**DIRECTIONS:** I-71 south, go right at the Strongsville 82 exit, left on Pearl Rd.

### The Mortuary Haunted Theme Park

**FEATURES:** The Mortuary Haunted House, The Lasertron Futuristic Nightmare and 18 holes of Horror Golf.  
**WHERE:** Fun N' Stuff  
**WHEN:** Open until Nov. 1  
**TIME:** Fri. and Sat. 7-midnight  
**COST:** \$7 for the house or \$15 for the house, laser tag, golf or go-carts.  
**DIRECTIONS:** 271 south to exit 18, go south on rte. 8 until the 2nd traffic light and make a left.



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### Hinckley's Haunted Barn

**FEATURES:** Four floors of terror with Hollywood and New Sci-Fi special effects. Participants must escape a space tornado and a cosmic lightning storm of plasma bolts.  
**WHERE:** Hinckley  
**WHEN:** Tonight only  
**TIME:** 7:30-midnight  
**COST:** Admission includes mini-golf  
**DIRECTIONS:** Rte. 303 to rte. 606 in Hinckley. Go south to Bellus Rd. where you will find the Barn.  
**FOR MORE INFO:** Call (330) 278-2384

### The Haunted Hollow

**FEATURES:** The Maze of Terror and Cleveland's Haunted Hollow, 14,000 square feet of terror and 22 rooms of horror.  
**WHERE:** 5100 Pearl Rd.  
**WHEN:** Open every night until Nov. 2  
**TIME:** Sun. - Thurs. 7:30-10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. 7:30-midnight  
**COST:** \$6.50 for one house or \$9 for both houses.  
**DIRECTIONS:** 271 south to 480 west, get off at the Pearl Rd. exit and go south. It's behind Coconuts Record Store.

### North Ridgeville Haunted House

**FEATURES:** 13 rooms of terror, a haunted cemetery and unlimited parking.  
**WHERE:** The Ridgeview Shopping Center  
**WHEN:** Open through Nov. 1  
**TIME:** Fri. and Sat. 7-12 a.m. Sun. 7-10 p.m.  
**COST:** \$6 per person  
**DIRECTIONS:** 271 south to 480 west, then go north on rte. 83 to Center Ridge Rd. and go west.

### The Haunted Lab & School House

**FEATURES:** Two houses with seven floors of fright and 100 or more live monsters.  
**WHERE:** 1300 Triplett Blvd. in Akron  
**WHEN:** Open through Nov. 1  
**TIME:** Fri. & Sat. 7-midnight  
**COST:** \$7.50 for each house  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take 77 south to Wilbeth Rd. and turn left. Turn right on Arlington and then turn right on Triplett Blvd.



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### The Rocky Horror Picture Show

**FEATURES:** The cult classic double feature with Susan Sarandon and Tim Curry includes a live cast and active involvement of the audience.  
**WHERE:** Cedar Lee Theatre  
**WHEN:** Oct. 31  
**TIME:** 9 and 12 p.m.  
**COST:** \$6.75 per person  
**DIRECTIONS:** The theatre is on the corner of Cedar and Lee Roads in Cleveland Heights.

### The Hudson Haunted House

**FEATURES:** New for '97, The Blackhole with full digital surround sound.  
**WHERE:** Hudson  
**WHEN:** Fri. and Sat. nights  
**TIME:** 7:30-midnight  
**COST:** \$6 per person  
Go online at [www.hudsonjaycees.com](http://www.hudsonjaycees.com) to receive a coupon for admission.  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take the Ohio Turnpike to exit 12. Go south to rte. 8 and make a left on exit 303. At Terex Rd. make a rt. and go three miles until you hear the screams!

### Nightmare In Painesville

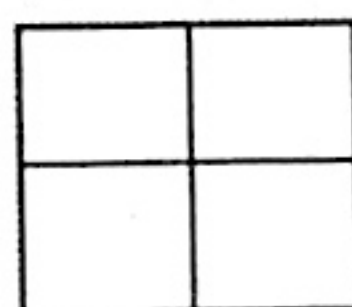
**FEATURES:** Five huge Hollywood haunted houses including the Movie House Massacre, the Jungle, the Belly of the Beast, the Slaughter House and the Mad House.  
**WHERE:** Lake County Fair Grounds  
**WHEN:** Open through Nov. 1  
**TIME:** Fri. and Sat. 7-midnight Sun. 7-10 p.m.  
**COST:** \$12 per person.  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take rte. 2 east to 44 south and then to Jackson St. exit. Go to Mentor Ave. and turn right and then go 1/2 mile.  
**FOR MORE INFO:** Call 954-4302

### HallowScream

**FEATURES:** The Nightmare Haunted House, a trick-or-treat trail, spooky shows, scary monsters plus terrifying rides such as Mr. Hyde's Nasty Fall  
**WHERE:** Geauga Lake  
**WHEN:** Open until Nov. 2  
**TIME:** Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight Sun. 4-10 p.m.  
**COST:** \$11.99 per person or \$8.99 with discount tickets from Stop-n-Shop  
**DIRECTIONS:** Located in Aurora, on Route 43, nine miles north of Ohio Turnpike exit 13, 30 miles southeast of Cleveland, adjacent to Sea World

### Boo at the Zoo

**FEATURES:** Trick-or-treating, magicians, a haunted "green" house, light shows, animal shows, an endangered species exhibit, a hay maze and face painting.  
**WHERE:** The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo  
**WHEN:** Tonight  
**TIME:** 5:30 - 9 p.m.  
**COST:** \$4 per person for adults 12 years and older. Children's tickets cost \$3.  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take 480 west and get off at the State Rd exit. Turn right at the light. The zoo is 1/2 mile down the road.



### Bloodview Haunted House

**FEATURES:** Cleveland's premier haunted house features acting and special make-up effects by the Nightmare Society.  
**WHERE:** Broadview Heights  
**WHEN:** Tonight and tomorrow night  
**TIME:** Fri. and Sat. 8-12 p.m.  
**COST:** \$6.00 per person.  
**DIRECTIONS:** From I-77, take rte. 82 west for 2 1/2 miles until Broadview Rd. Take a left, and go south for 1 1/2 miles. The sign will be on your left.  
**FOR MORE INFO:** Call the Bloodline for details at 526-9148  
**EXTRA FACTS:**  
• Three people passed out in '96  
• It was voted the best haunted house in the Cleveland area by Scene Magazine readers.  
• All profits go to charity.

### Study House

**FEATURES:** You, studying for SATs, and handing out candy to occasional trick-or-treaters.  
**WHERE:** In the comfort of your own home.  
**WHEN:** Tonight  
**WHY:** Because the cruel SAT gods unfairly scheduled the test for the morning after Halloween.  
**COST:** This one's free!



- Q 1. What is Dracula's favorite fruit?  
Q 2. Where does a vampire keep his money?  
Q 3. What do ghosts put in their cereal?

- A. Neck-terines  
A. Blood bank  
A. Boooberries

# YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW

## Female recruits welcome military academy challenge

BY ANNA DALEY

Staff Reporter

In today's military women more and more are proving themselves to be up to the physical and mental challenges.

Though the number of women in military academies is low it is significantly higher than 15 years ago, when no women were enrolled at the academies. Every military school that accepts federal aid is required to allow women to apply to the school.

The United States Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy and the Air Force Academy are the four academies of the branches of the military. There are other types of military schools like the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the Citadel.

West Point was the first to accept women according to their pre-candidate manual, which features more pictures and mentions of women than any other academy manual available in the career room.

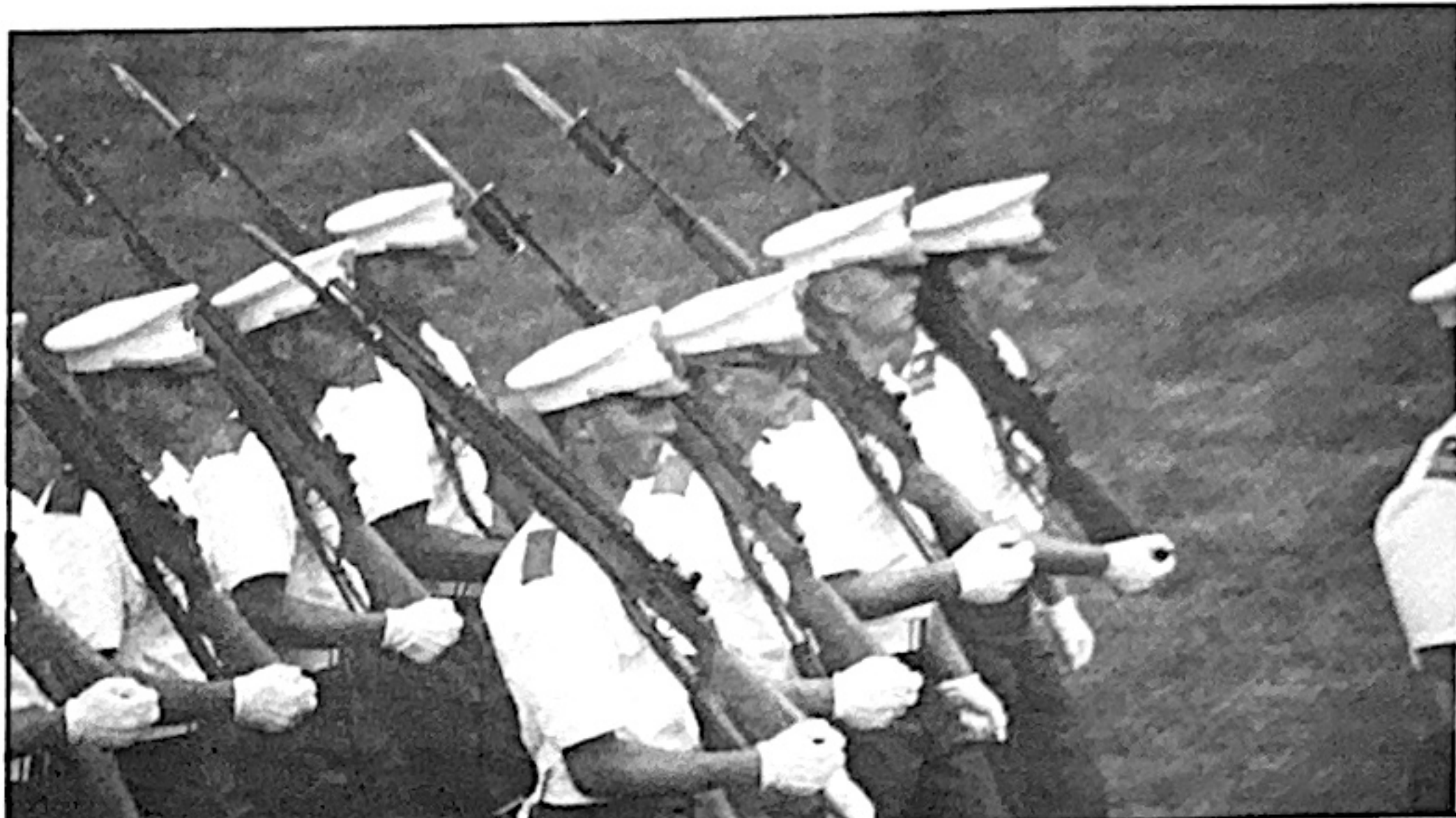
VMI does not give as much attention to women. The mission statement of the school is "We produce honorable and educated men." This fall, the first class of

women was permitted to enter VMI. Last year the academy tried to maintain its all male status, but the government said they would revoke all federal funds unless women were permitted to attend the school.

Shaker has had multiple students go on to military schools and senior Allison Beamer said that she would like to continue that tradition.

"Education is really important to me so I want to go somewhere where I can become a pilot to go on to be an astronaut and get a strong education. I want the science and mathematics background that the Naval Academy will give me," Beamer said.

Beamer has kept in touch with '95 graduate Anne Reader who now attends the Naval Academy. According to Beamer, Reader has said that all of the media speculation about the harassment of female classes is overblown and few of the female cadets at the Naval Academy have been harassed. The media has claimed that the life of a cadet will be too hard for the women and that most will drop out after freshman year. Reader however has proven that wrong.



**LOST IN THE CROWD.** A closer look reveals a female cadet marching forth in the front row. Since being admitted to West Point, female cadets have adapted to academy

Shakerite photo courtesy of the Masini family

"Anne says she is happy, that there are not too many concerns, and that she has made a lot of friends. Life is not easy, but she said that she is glad that she made the

choice to go to military school. When I visited the Naval Academy everyone was really nice and I really felt like I would fit in," Beamer said.

# Collaborating for fun and service

## Community youth groups enhance student opportunities

BY LAURA CURTISS

Editor-in-Chief

### B'nai Brith Youth Organization

**Affiliation:** Jewish, no specific synagogue

**Activities:** Leadership retreats, community service and social activities, conventions, Judaic activities, dances, programs by chapter or for BBYO as a whole.

**Time commitment:** Depends on each member, each chapter has two meetings a month which last two hours each. Activities range from twice a weekend to once a month, depending on the chapter's choice.

**What they have to say about it:** According to president of the Chaia B'nai Brith Girls chapter, junior Babette Wine BBYO is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills and have fun with people her own age who are Jewish. She said there are teens from across the nation and around the globe.

"It's a great atmosphere to explore many different things," Wine said. "My closest friends have come from BBYO."



**SAY CHEESE** Shaker junior Babette Wine, sophomore Lindy Karfeld and their friend having fun at a BBYO event. Shakerite photo courtesy of Babette Wine

### Jack and Jill

**Affiliation:** No religious affiliation, a group of young African-Americans.

**Activities:** Monthly meetings, regional conventions each year, community service projects, parties, haunted houses, fundraisers, charity balls - ticket profits have gone to UNCF, NAACP, and Africare among others. Each age group chooses what they want to do.

**Time commitment:** The monthly meetings and activities, a lot of planning for events, especially the charity ball.

**What they have to say about it:** Sophomore Lindsay Williams has been involved with the organization since kindergarten. She said the activities and meetings are socially centered and fun. She also said the majority of her friends are at school, not Jack and Jill. "There are so many different kinds of people at different schools [in Jack and Jill] I don't see them enough to keep up a really good relationship," Williams said.

Senior Trenton Marsh has been involved with Jack and Jill since he was two years old. He said there is diversity in the schools from which the organization draws members and the club is primarily African-American but open to anyone.

"It is geared to bring families together," Marsh said.

### First Unitarian Youth Group

**Affiliation:** First Unitarian Church

**Activities:** Wake-up breakfasts, rafting, skiing, hiking. Social justice activities-Cleanland, planting trees, Habitat for Humanity.

**Time commitment:** All activities are optional, meetings every other Sunday.

**What they have to say about it:** According to a member of the executive committee, senior Erik Johnson, its most important quality is that, following with the dogma of the religion it is an open and tolerant environment, especially for freshman. He said it is a place to have fun, and he is gaining leadership skills and has become much closer to his youth group friends than people at school because there is far more diversity.

"I wouldn't have become the person I am without youth group," Johnson said.

### Mormon Youth Group

**Affiliation:** The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints

**Activities:** Annual retreats, monthly dances, weekly meetings, men - scouts, women - requirements for awards, basketball, monthly for everyone - bowling, sledding or basketball. Sometimes all of the members in Northeastern Ohio will get together for activities.

**Time commitment:** Two hour weekly meetings, the activities are by choice.

**What they have to say about it:** "I have more friends at the high school, but closer friends at my church," said sophomore Jimmy Dunn. "They are people who have the same values as you."

Dunn also said the club is more religiously centered but has a big social element as well.



**SWEATING IN THE SUN.** Student Impactors work hard on mission trip in Guatemala.

Shakerite photo by Caitlin Masini

### Student Impact

**Religious affiliation:** Parkside Church in Bainbridge

**Activities:** Singing, games, outreaches to draw new members, small group Bible study, retreats - social and religious, rafting, skiing, mission trips to other countries

**Time commitment:** Members choose which activities to participate in, two - hour meetings every Thursday evening and one Monday a month for small groups.

**What they have to say about it:** "The majority of my friends are definitely at school, but the people there are outreaching, friendly and easy to get along with," sophomore Mike Thomas said.

The retreats and other activities are meant to make people get acquainted with each other and with God," Thomas said.



# Sending smoke signals

**WHEN SMOKERS QUIT**  
Within 20 minutes of smoking that last cigarette, the body begins a series of changes that continues for years.

## Survey shows that 50 percent of students have smoked

BY CAITLIN MASINI AND EMILY HOFFMAN  
Feature Editor and Co-Centerpiece Editor

In a few years underage smoking may become a thing of the past.

A new plan supported by President Clinton targets teen smokers with financial penalties, advertising regulation and increasing the cost of cigarettes.

The goal in mind is to cut teen smoking by 30 percent within the next five years, 50 percent in the next seven years and 60 percent in 10 years according to a tobacco legislation announcement on Sept. 17. The price of cigarettes will increase by up to \$1.50. Additionally, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) would be able to regulate all tobacco products and tobacco companies would be forced to stop promoting tobacco to children. Clinton also wants to help solve the problem of second-hand smoke by strengthening international efforts to control tobacco and providing research funds.

If legislation such as this were to pass, many Shaker students would be affected. In a Shakerite survey of 166 students, many discoveries were made. The results were split 50-50 regarding student smokers.

Of the smokers, 40 percent smoke for social reasons and 24 percent smoke to relieve stress. Other reasons given for smoking were to kill appetite and because other family members smoke. Of the 83 stu-

dents who have smoked at some point in their life, 60 started between the ages of 13 and 15. Twenty-two who quit smoking said they would never do it again, according to the survey. The largest percentage of students who do smoke regularly smoke only once a month.

Students were also asked about their feelings towards others who smoke.

Reactions to cigarette smoke vary. Though 63 percent of all students surveyed are bothered by cigarette smoke, only 30 percent would walk away from someone smoking. One prominent statistic is that 64 percent of the females surveyed are bothered by cigarette smoke. Students were also worried about second-hand smoke. Several students have friends that smoke although they choose not to.

"A lot of my friends smoke, and it doesn't bother me because it's their own decision. What really bothers me is when people come up to us in a public place and get on their case because it really isn't any of their business," sophomore Jesse Griffiths said.

Students were asked about how smoking affects their relationships, whether or not they are turned off by smoke or if they would kiss someone who smokes. Fifty-three percent of students said that they would kiss a smoker, although 68 percent are turned off by smoking.

"Girls who smoke look stupid and they smell gross, and it just isn't cool," senior Matt Keay said.

Shaker would definitely be affected if Clinton's legislation passes, Shaker smokers might want to start counting the days to their eighteenth birthdays.



Shakerite source American Cancer Society

**20 MINUTES**  
• Blood pressure drops to normal  
• Pulse rate drops to normal  
• Body temperature of hands and feet increases to normal

**1 YEAR**  
• Excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker

**5 YEARS**  
• Lung cancer death rate for average former smoker (one pack a day) decreases by almost half  
• Stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker 5-15 years after quitting

• Risk of cancer of the mouth, throat and esophagus is half that of a smoker's

**10 YEARS**  
• Lung cancer death rate similar to that of nonsmokers  
• Precancerous cells are replaced

• Risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidney and pancreas decreases

**15 YEARS**  
• Risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker

**8 HOURS**  
• Carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal  
• Oxygen level in blood increases to normal

**24 HOURS**  
• Chance of heart attack decreases

**48 HOURS**  
• Nerve endings start regrowing  
• Ability to smell and taste is enhanced

**2 WEEKS to 3 MONTHS**  
• Circulation improves  
• Walking becomes easier  
• Lung function increases up to 30 percent

**1 to 9 MONTHS**  
• Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath decrease  
• Cilia regrow in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, reduce infection  
• Body's overall energy increases



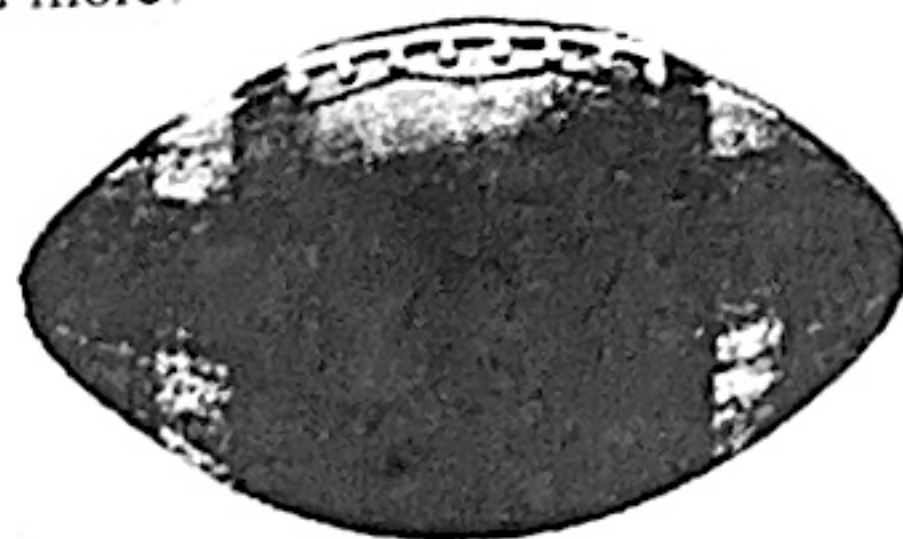
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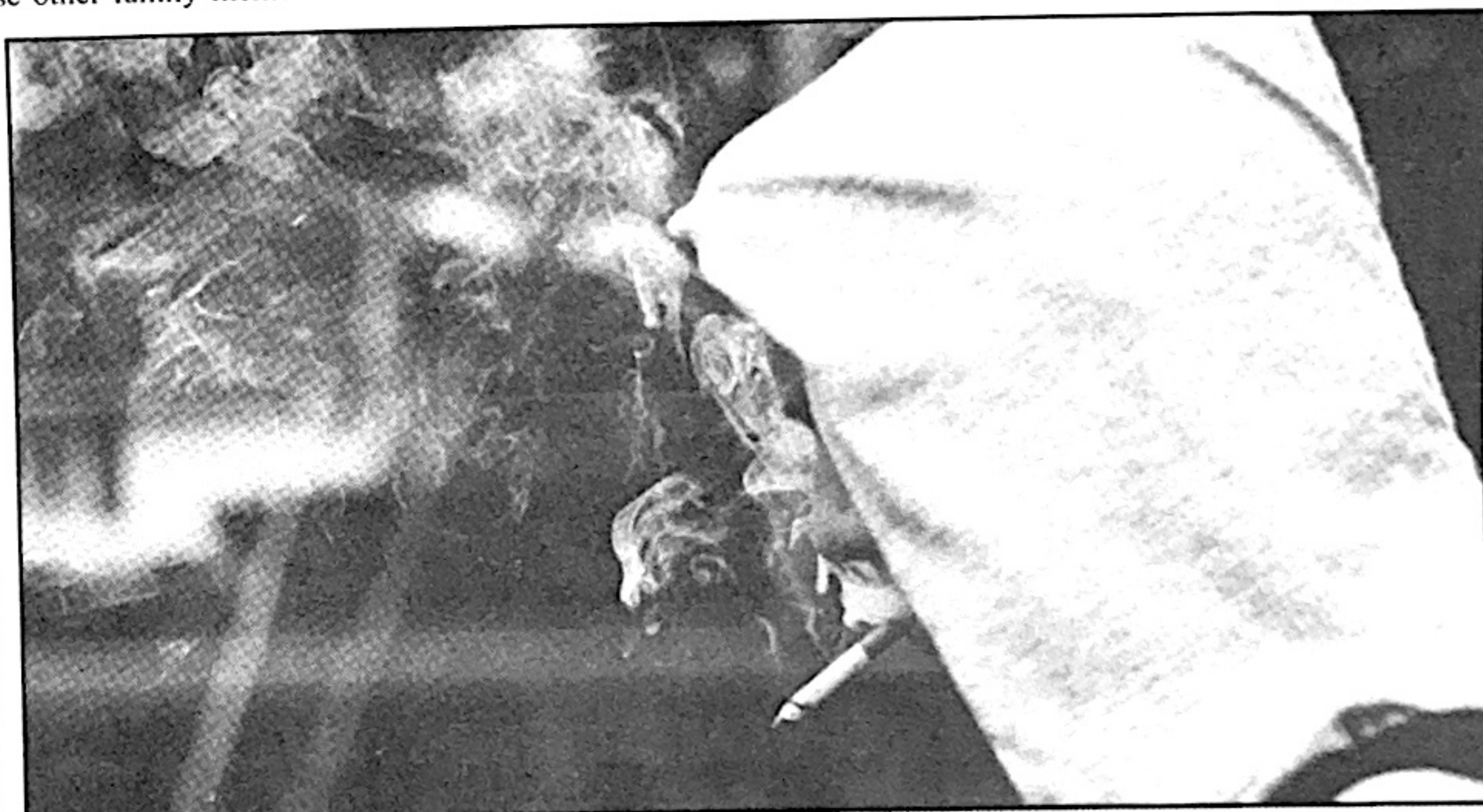
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JUST SAY NO? Proposed new smoking legislation could affect smokers at Shaker.

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## Top Five Reasons why the Indians lost the World Series:

1. Florida did not acquire Lenny Webster and Armando Benitez.
2. Chad Ogea did not bat in game seven.
3. If Livan Hernandez did not win MVP, he thought he would be And the #1 Reason is...
4. Michael Jackson did not get seven starts.
5. Jose Mesa was not convicted.

## L.E.L. champions

Volleyball team reaches district finals

BY ADAM COLE-KELLY

Co-Sports Editor

By beating the Brecksville Bees Saturday afternoon at Orange High School the Volleyball team advanced to the district finals for the first time in recent history. Despite dropping the district final match to Solon later that afternoon, both coach Susan Brown and team members said they were proud of the season's accomplishments.

"I am extremely proud of this team. We were league champions and we got to the district finals. Although you hate to lose no matter what, we lost to a Solon team that is ranked in the state," Brown said.

Senior captain and setter Shana Heilbron echoed Brown's positive reflection on the season.

"We played really well all year long. It was nice to end my high school career with such a successful season," Heilbron said.

In the district semifinal match against Brecksville Shaker was dominant. Senior Elizabeth Franzen had predicted before the match that the two teams would be pretty evenly matched. However Shaker dropped Brecksville convincingly in straight games.

"I would say our match against Brecksville was definitely our best played match of the year. We played flawless volleyball," coach Brown said.

The success of the volleyball team this year may represent the start of a new trend in Shaker volleyball. Prior to this year, the volleyball team had not reached the district finals since '84.

Coach Brown and her players said the biggest reason the team succeeded this year was that they played so well together.

"You cannot say enough about the team cohesion of this group. We worked tremendously as a single unit," Brown said.

Senior Heather Singerman agreed that the unity of the team was critical to their winning ways.

"The team always stuck together, gave it their all and everyone made positive contributions throughout the year," Singerman said.

## Homecoming heroics

Football team powers past Chardon with 16-7 win

BY GEOFF DIETRICH

Co-sports Editor

While newspapers were writing off the Shaker football team and labeling them as a longshot underdog in the Homecoming game versus Chardon, the team managed to surprise not only the reporters, but Chardon as well with a 16-7 victory.

Filled with Shaker students, alumni and faculty Russell Rupp stadium was loud as the Raiders prevailed in their big game. Red and white was all around and an empty seat was hard to come by.

Many fans were cheering on the team fanatically, and according to senior Todd Svec school spirit was all around.

"I have never attended a Shaker sporting event where there was a larger, more enthusiastic crowd. Everybody was going crazy and were ready for a big victory," Svec said.

For the Raiders the game didn't begin so cleanly. Two early fumbles shortened drives, but the strong defensive line and secondary were able to shut Chardon down. The team then put together an 84-yard scoring drive, keyed by a 54-yard athletic catch and run play by junior Matt Pope. Junior Derrick Tatum carried the ball in from the 11-yard line and with junior John Manly's extra point the team took a 7-0 lead.

Chardon came right back with a 60-yard scoring drive of their own that sent the game to the half tied at seven. For the Hilltoppers seven points were all they could manage off Shaker's stingy defense, and the second half was all Raiders. At the 7:24 mark in the second

### Possible Playoff Opponents

OHSAA Division I computer rankings for region one. (Top four make playoffs)

1. St. Ignatius	27.4500
2. Shaker Heights	24.2125
3. Euclid	18.7000
4. Strongsville	17.9125
5. Solon	16.5125
6. St. Edward	16.1485

Points accurate as of 10/21

•First Round- 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3

•Games to be played either Nov. 7 or 8.

half Shaker marched the ball 75 yards for another scoring drive capped by a three yard scamper by Tatum.

With a poor snap and hold on the extra point, Manly failed to complete the play and Chardon was still in the game, behind 13-7. Chardon tried to put together a go-ahead drive, and made it all the way to Shaker territory when senior cornerback Chris Conwell laid out for a huge interception on the 12-yard line.

With time remaining, the Raiders traveled down the field in an effort to put the game out of reach.

With a fourth down and two yards to go from Chardon's 33, the team elected to go for it, but a delay of game call pushed the ball back to the 38. Head coach Dave Sedmak sent Manly out on the field to attempt a 45-yard field goal, that would turn out to be the second longest of his career. It was good and Shaker pushed the score to 16-7, a two-possession lead.

Final attempts by Chardon to comeback were halted by strong defense and an interception deep in Shaker territory by junior Tim Reese.

While Chardon fans and most reporters were stunned, Shaker players insist this was no surprise. According to Conwell the team would have settled for nothing but a win.

"We knew we were going to win. We just needed to prove to the rest of this city that we're no joke and can play with the rest of them," Conwell said.

The game was indeed huge for the team. The victory clinched a playoff birth for the team, its first since the fall of '94. In addition, the win puts the Raiders in second place in points behind St. Ignatius which will probably lead to a first round game versus Euclid.

## Tribe fever breaks loose in school

BY ADAM COLE-KELLY

Co-Sports Editor

The Indians' World Series playoff march has had a tremendous effect on the entire high school. Despite falling two outs short of being crowned World Champions, throughout this past month of postseason play, students and faculty alike were swept up in the madness of Tribe fever. The infection of Tribe fever has caused changes in peoples' achievement, attire, fatigue, moods and in their overall existence. Some people, such as English teacher Paul Springstubb said they regret the amount of time and energy following the Indians has cost them.

"I was suprised and somewhat ashamed for the enthusiasm I felt for the first two series. In the future I hope I to free myself form this trifling enthusiasm," Springstubb said.

Many others however, completely indulged in the Tribe's winning ways.

"The Tribe are absolutely awesome! I'm crazy about the Indians. I think all their success has contributed to everyone having a good time," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

This spirited attitude was also been common among students.

"My life has pretty much revolved around the Tribe this past month," senior Adam Grossman said.

Grossman was lucky enough to go down to Miami to see the Tribe in games six and seven.

"The Florida fans were pathetic. The stadium was practically empty a half-hour after the game. Had the Indians won game seven in the Jake, that place would have been packed until 2 a.m.," Grossman said.

All that's needed in order to see how much Tribe spirit exists in the school is look at the attire of students and teachers. The days of or after a game students and teachers sported high red socks, Indians jerseys, T-shirts, hats, jackets, pins or just about anything else they could throw on to show their support of the Tribe. While some students such as sophomore Greg Rawson said it was great to see so many people wearing their Tribe gear, one teacher said the Tribe's continued success cost her.

"[The Indians] winning is getting expensive for me because I keep having to buy new clothes. First it was a division champions T-shirt, then another for the American League championship," math teacher Mary Ann Wonson said.

One downside of the Indians' playoff run was the lack of sleep suffered by fans.

"The problem is a great problem," math teacher and tennis coach Allan Slawson said referring to the sleep deprivation.

"People are up extremely late because not only do games often not end until past midnight, but even after the games are over, I am too emotional to sleep. If we win, I'm too energized, and if we lose I find myself going over what ifs," Slawson said.

Slawson said fatigue did not stop him from doing all the things he always does, but he found himself drained.

Students said they also felt the repercussions of staying up late.

"Staying up watching these games has not exactly been the best recipe for me to recover from mono, but what can you do?" Senior John Sawyer said.

Students who were fortunate enough to go to games have been up even later.

"I've been lucky in that I've gotten to go to all of the home games, but it's making it much harder to do well in school because I'm always so tired," junior Ben Madorsky said.

Not everyone in the school made sacrifices for the Tribe. History teacher Rhona Pessel gave major tests and pop quizzes the days after games.

"I hoped the Indians would make history by winning the World Series, but their success is not as important to me as my students learning their history," Pessel said.

Pessel's students don't quite see eye to eye with her on the issue.

"She's heartless," junior Jeff Klug said.

Although the Tribe came up just short of winning it all, the staff and students of Shaker were completely behind them. No matter what the consequences, fans stuck with the Indians all the way to the gut-wrenching end.



TRIBE FEVER SWEEPS SCHOOL. Senior's Jed Wolpaw and Evan Walsh show off their tribe spirit by styling jerseys and red knee high socks. These two were some of the many who decked themselves out. Shakerite photo courtesy of the Gristmill



# Multi-talented freshman has bright future

BY GEOFF DIETRICH  
Co-Sports Editor

Merely two months into the school year freshman Liz Swary has already established herself as one of the dominant female athletes in the school.

Swary is an accomplished athlete who participates in tennis, ice hockey and softball. She played third singles in her first varsity season for the tennis team and made it to sectional quarterfinals. In the winter she plays hockey for the Cleveland Skating Club, and she has played varsity softball in the spring for her last two years at the middle school.

Starting on the varsity tennis team was quite an accomplishment for Swary. According to senior teammate Angela Goodwin her success on the court was incredible for a freshman.

"We all knew she was a great player, and will be even better in a few years, but none of us really expected her to do such a great job this year," Goodwin said.

Swary plays hockey year round, but is fully dedicated to it in the winter. While she isn't trying out for the school team, she plays on a traveling team with other Shaker students.

Swary would like to have played for the school team, but she said it didn't seem to work out for her.

"My parents wouldn't let me. They felt it might be a bit too rough," Swary said.

While playing on the high school team would have given her the opportunity to play against her brother Matt, a senior at St. Ignatius, she manages performing with the Skating Club.

"It's really not the end of the world. I would have liked to play for the team but I'm fine with the way it is," Swary said.

According to fellow Skating Club teammate freshman Dave Gelehrter, Swary is indeed a great hockey player.

"Being a girl, opponents often take her for granted, but honestly she is one of the better players on our team right now," Gelehrter said.

Gelehrter also complimented Swary on her hard-work and dedication to the team.

As the spring approaches Swary will hope to bring her good play to the softball field when she tries out for the school team.



# Raider Radar

## Just when you thought nobody was looking ...

**ULTIMATE CHAMPS** - Earlier in the month at the SHMUN sponsored ultimate frisbee tournament, the fivesome of Carl "Truth" Ewing, Scott "Free Me!" Ladue, Jeronie "Fred" Barnes, David "the zebra" Hauser and Max Gerson dominated the competition en route to winning. Hauser claimed MVP honors.

**THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD** - Fans' ears are still ringing from the shot senior cornerback Chris Conwell laid on Chardon's quarterback during a first quarter sack at the Homecoming game. Teammates said they suspect Chardon's quarterback has had difficulty sleeping since the blow.

**SAD DAY FOR SOCCER** - In the midst of the hype surrounding the football team's playoff-clinching victory, two successful seasons came to abrupt and unfortunate ends. The men's and women's soccer teams each lost painful overtime playoff battles, the women's in a shootout. According to senior co-captain Michael Gross, the losses were so devastating to the players that many of them, himself in particular, had trouble getting up for the rest of the night's festivities.

**A BIT TOO COLD** - Freezing temperatures and falling snow were not enough to discourage fans and players from putting forth a great effort at the field hockey district semi-final game at Hathaway Brown. Despite losing 2-1 to HB, members of the team said they felt proud of the effort they put forth. Seniors Maura Malone and Jackie Munyasya went out like warriors by not wearing any leggings. Four days later, Munyasya said the feeling was almost back in her legs. Congrats on an exciting season!

**SHAME ON YOU** - As much as we do not want to believe it, students have reported that teachers actually assigned homework during the past four weeks of play-off action. Tribe General Manager John Hart is said to be unhappy.

**MEMBERSHIP GRANTED** - Senior tennis player Robert Klimek joined fellow athletes and friends Adam Grossman, Richie Duchon and Jed Wolpaw in their elite achievement club after he demonstrated the attitude and skill that is required for membership of the club which prides itself on "busting it and surviving."

**CLOSING THE RUMOR MILL** - It is again time to dispell some recent rumors. The baseball team will not be selling Girl Scout Cookies as part of their fund raiser. Alumni and Michigan State placekicker Max Axler will not forgo his final two seasons and declare himself eligible for next summer's NFL draft.

# Raiders of the Month

BY TOMMY GELEHRTER  
Managing Editor

Being a great individual, a wonderful leader and a player who looks out for the team's best interest led to a great season for senior field hockey player Melissa Williams.

"I think that Melissa is a great team leader on and off the field. She's a great person and she is always looking to do the best for herself and for the team," head coach Linda Betley said.

Williams started playing field hockey in fourth grade. In eighth grade she began playing competitively. As a junior she made the high school's varsity team. This season she and goalkeeper Becky Beamer are co-captains.

"Becky and Melissa work really well together as captains and help to get the team pumped," Betley said.

Williams said she tries to bring the team together in order to succeed.

"I try to be more of a friend than a leader. I encourage them to work together. I feel we have to work together as a team and not individually," Williams said.

Senior teammate Maura Malone said she has the utmost confidence with Williams protecting the goal.

"Melissa comes up with big plays when we need her to," Malone said. "She is the rock that our team is built on."

Betley agrees with Malone and said she feels Williams has made many great saves on balls headed toward the goal at crucial moments of several big games.

Williams said at the beginning of the

season her play was lacking the intensity level she desired, but as the playoffs approached she has stepped it up.

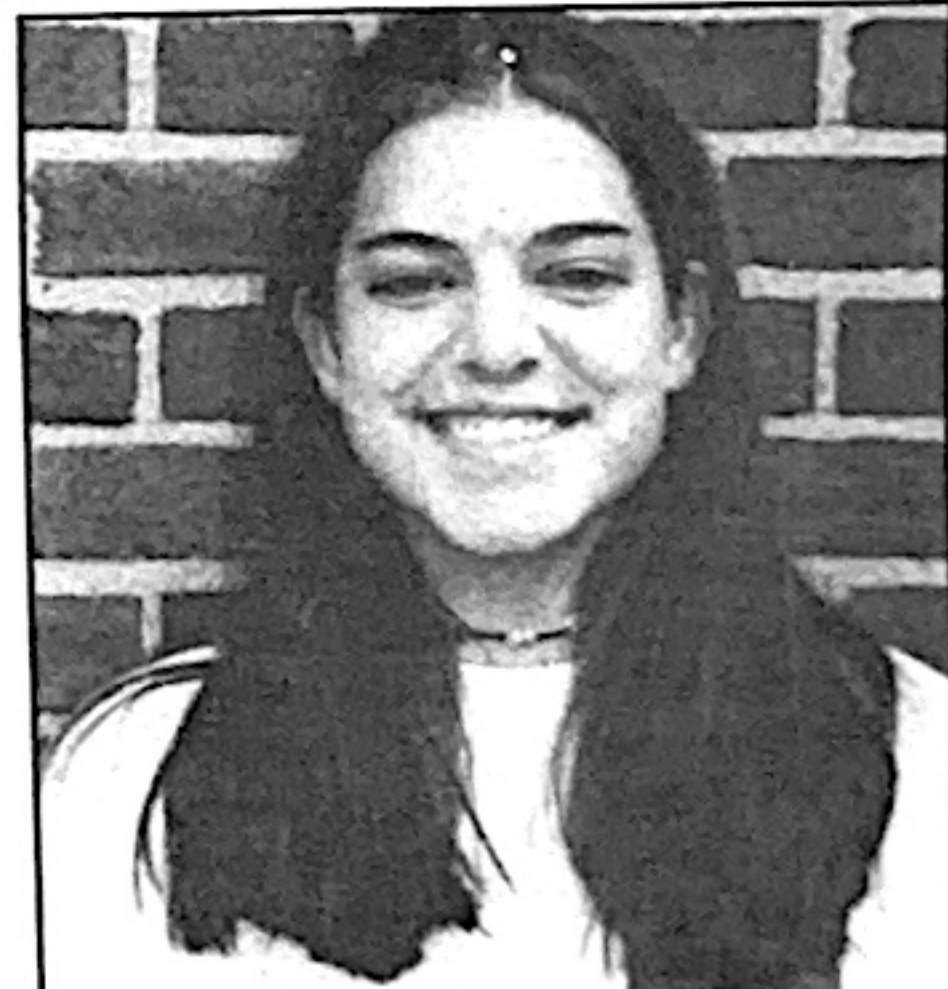
"As of late I feel that I have played more aggressively and with more confidence," she said.

Last week, Williams was named to play on the Northeast Ohio All-Star team.

As the team ventured into the state tournament Williams had a good attitude toward the team's chances.

"I am impressed with the team thus far. We have done a lot better than many people had expected," she said.

Williams is still undecided on her future field hockey career. She is considering attending either Ohio University or the University of Iowa next fall. Iowa holds a narrow lead.



MELISSA WILLIAMS

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

BY NICOLE DORSKY  
Staff Reporter

Four-year member of the varsity soccer team senior Max Wolf has concluded his final season with 17 goals and 10 assists.

Wolf, along with seniors Mike Gross and Todd Svec, was a captain of the squad. His leadership skills and outstanding athletic abilities made him a strong role-model.

"Max has been a huge part of our good play this season. Along with his great talent, he has been able to support the team with his uplifting attitude," Gross said.

Wolf was a varsity starter all four years of his high school career. He also

plays on other teams such as Cleveland United and Internationals. His soccer skills have taken him to many European countries to play, including Sweden, Austria, Amsterdam, Germany and England.

Wolf's passion for soccer is evident both on and off the field.

"I like soccer because it involves all aspects of good athletics: balance, coordination, speed, endurance and strength. It really is a game for everyone," Wolf said.

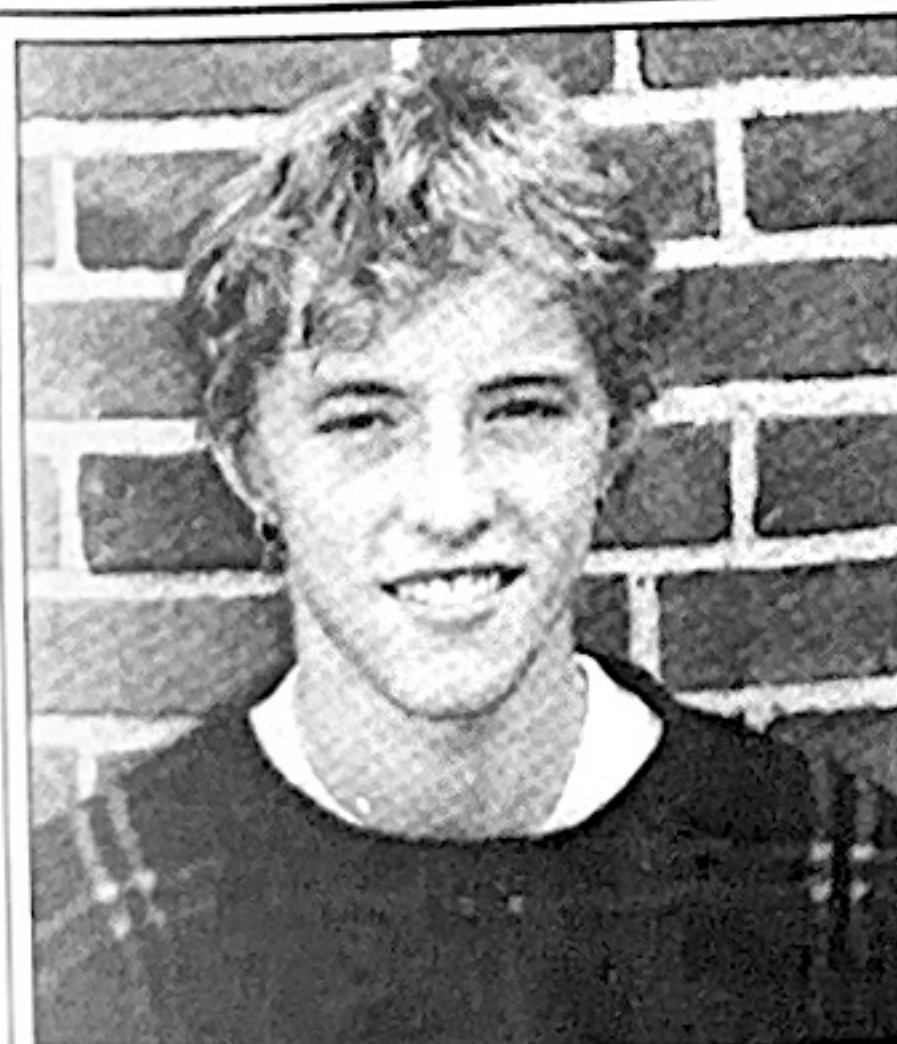
As for this year's season, Wolf would have preferred to have made it farther, but he was pleased with the level of play demonstrated by the team, particularly by Gross, senior Seiji Watanabe and junior Andrew Wolf who said it was great to play alongside his brother.

"This year I finally had the opportunity to play a lot of minutes with Max. I think we play well together," Andrew said.

Unfortunately the team experienced some controversial refereeing, which Wolf said deprived them of needed momentum at crucial points in the season.

The teams' season ended in a double overtime loss to Willoughby South in the District Semifinals. Though the loss was disappointing, Wolf is proud of his fellow teammates and their efforts.

As for next year, Wolf said the only thing he is sure about is that he will be playing soccer. The University of Massachusetts and Kenyon College are among Wolf's top choices.



MAX WOLF

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller



# RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

## Football

- 8-1 (.889)
- Homecoming victory over Chardon
- Clinched playoff birth
- Probable 1st round matchup with Euclid

## Women's Soccer

- 12-3-2 (.706)
- Lost to Madison in shootout of sectional finals
- Enjoyed best record ever

## Men's Soccer

- 10-6-2 (.556)
- Suffered double overtime loss to Willoughby South in sectional finals
- Three all-city selections

## Cross Country

- Women's and men's team both finished seventh in the L.E.L.
- Young teams showed steady improvement throughout season

Combined  
Raider  
Record:  
80-48-6  
(.597)

## Golf

- 7-21 (.250)
- Sophomore Danny Guinn and freshman Sam Zimmer return next year for a more successful season

## Women's Tennis

- 15-7 (.682)
- L.E.L. Champions
- Reached district semifinals in team tournament

## Field Hockey

- 9-5-2 (.563)
- Lost 2-1 to Hathaway Brown in district semifinals
- Seniors will play in several all-star games

## Volleyball

- 19-5 (.792)
- Lost to Solon in district finals
- Best season in more than 10 years
- Erie Division champions

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